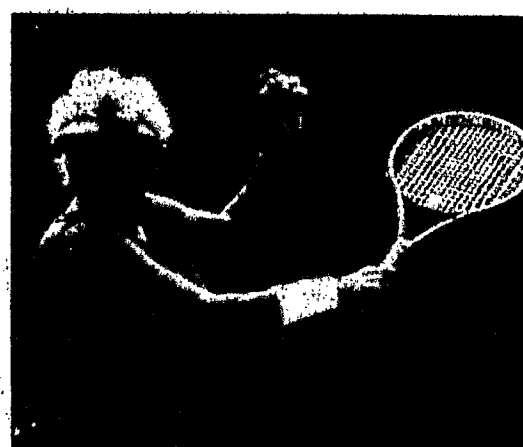


New StenniSphere exhibits a hit

Six resident agencies band together to improve Mississippi's #1 tourist site.

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Winners from the USTA Senior Women's National Championships at Diamondhead.

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Don't forget the new flag vote

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Hancock County this Tuesday, April 17, for the special election to determine whether the state of Mississippi will adopt a new state flag.

Eat ... and help to clean the Bay

The Bay Chapter Coastal Conservation Association will present a banquet on Thursday, April 19, beginning at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center in Bay St. Louis. Catering by Trapani's Eatery. The event will also include door prizes, auctions and beverages. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$45 per couple. For tickets, call Glenn at Pelican Cove Marina, 452-7390.

Diamondhead to host state PEO

Members of Diamondhead PEO Chapter Q will serve as hostesses for the state PEO convention on April 20 and 21. The Diamondhead Ramada Inn will be the convention site.

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It's parade time in Pearlinton Saturday as the Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Easter Parade rolls down the street. The parade was held in honor of the late Rev. Robert N. Sams.



The late Rev. Robert N. Sams



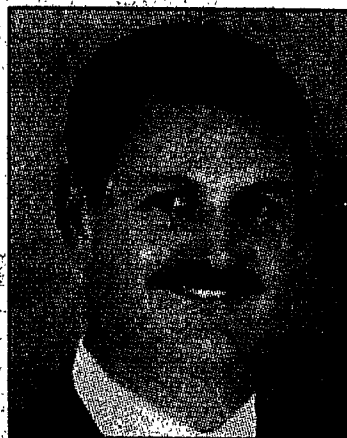
Offers 'Innovative & effective leadership without further debt'

* Editor's note: The following comments from Bay St. Louis City Councilman Tad Black are in response to questions submitted in writing from the editorial staff of The Sea Coast Echo. Both mayoral candidates were given equal opportunity to respond.

1. What do you see as the major challenge the mayor and council will face in the next four years?

A changing economy.

Revenues from a thriving economy enabled the council and mayor together to provide enormous improvements to Bay St. Louis in drainage, streets, and other infrastructure. We caught the wave and made the most of it, but the 'times' are changing. Sales tax and gaming revenue are decreasing. City coffers are empty. Today's leadership needs to provide the most effective and innovative city government that will elevate services to a superior level and



Councilman Tad Black

create opportunities for all citizens and generations to come.

We need a strategic plan to strengthen the economy of our community. I will take a proactive role in gathering community decision-makers to help identify the critical challenges and issues we face and to develop a long-range plan with

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'Keep the momentum for progress going — and not raise taxes'

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1. What do you see as the major challenge the mayor and council will face in the next four years?

Bay St. Louis has the most favorable property

tax and utility rate structure of any Gulf Coast city. Maintaining this economic climate for residential and business neighborhoods is essential while providing the level of city service they have come to expect will be our biggest challenge.

I am committed to completing the 1996 Capital Improvements Plan (PLAN), which will provide citizens and businesses the infrastructure to meet their needs until 2025, and to do so with no tax increase. There were



Mayor Eddie Favre

three utility rate reductions before 1991 and no increases since; property taxes were reduced by 86% in 1992 and the economic relief given Bay St. Louis citizens has put the money back in citizens' pockets for nine years.

The mayor and council must compromise, cooperate, and be creative in meeting this economic

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Bush to offer more hurricane support

Gulf Coast, other danger-zones to get extra funds for monitoring, planning

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Bush Administration is committed to funding more weather satellites and modernizing other monitoring systems to be better prepared for future hurricanes. The message was delivered this week by Joe Allbaugh, newly appointed Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to delegates attend-

Echo staff writer Ed Lepoma has spent the past week at the National Hurricane Conference at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

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Educational & wastewater facility in works

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Director of Southern Regional Wastewater Management District Gary Beard told board members last week that he is working with the Center for Environmental Excellence to obtain a \$7

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New StenniSphere exhibits link past, present, future

ECHO STAFF REPORT

StenniSphere has recently added three new exhibits for spring visitors. "Caring for the Gulf Together" uses interactive technology to keep visitors informed on projects that six resident agencies are working on to preserve the Gulf of Mexico Habitat. The ongoing projects of the National Marine Fisheries Services, Environmental Protection Agency, National Data Buoy Center, United States Geological Survey, Naval Research Laboratory, and the Gulf of Mexico Program Office are highlighted.

"NASA's Technology - An Investment in America's Future" features a three-level tower displaying a variety of products developed through NASA research.

"It is amazing just how many products and techniques that

have come from the space program's technological research," according to a NASA report on the exhibit last week. "The research for each new mission has produced more innovations in our lives.

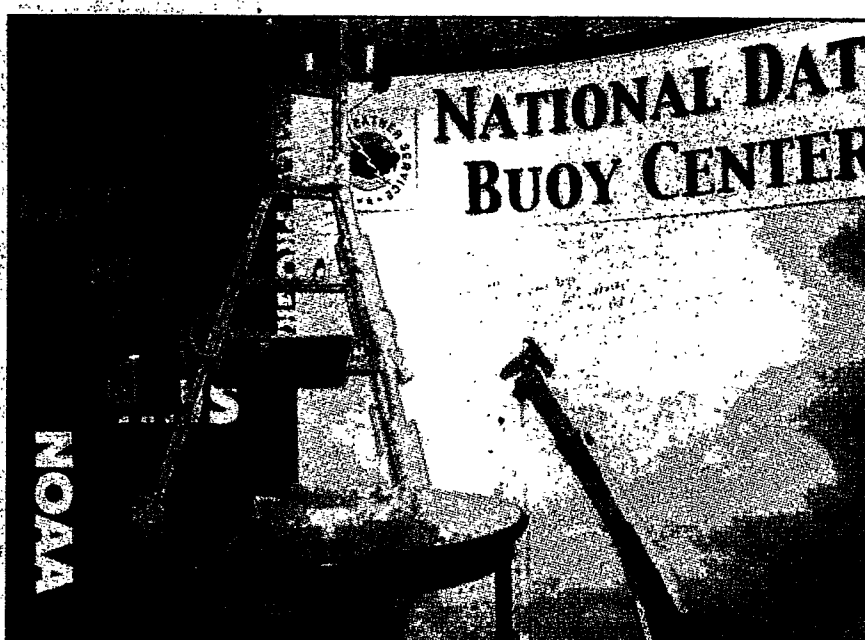
"Just from the Apollo Program came kidney dialysis machines, cordless power tools and appliances, water filters, CAT Scanners and MRI technology among others."

The exhibit "Touching Tomorrow... Today" emphasizes the importance of sharing the vision of tomorrow with youth and educators using interactive programs and video presentations.

"More than 200,000 visitors have come to StenniSphere since it re-opened last May," said public information officer Judy Isbell Thursday, "and we hope to reach a quarter of a million by our anniversary in May."



Six agencies at John C. Stennis Space Center have banded together to create new exhibits at the StenniSphere visitors' center, which has brought more than 200,000 visitors in since it's grand opening last May.



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Hurricane conference-goers explore grim emergency evacuation procedure scenarios

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- You've obeyed the evacuation order. You're moving at a snail's pace in bumper-to-bumper traffic along one of the nation's Interstates. Your wife, two children and the family dog are all buckled in safely. But, it's too late. The latest bulletin coming over the radio orders you to get off the road immediately. A hurricane is bearing down and already you're feeling gale force winds behind you.

The scenario sounds scary, but it's one that keeps emergency management officials from states prone to hurricanes working throughout the year, refining plans on how to get about stopping a massive evacuation that has already begun.

The topic: "Evacuation Shutdown Procedures: Stopping the Stampede," was the subject of one of the concurrent workshops taking place Thursday during the National Hurricane Conference here at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. It was moderated by Robert Collins, All-Hazards Planning Unit Manager with Florida's Emergency Management Agency, Tallahassee, Fla.

"Because of better satellites and monitoring procedures, most of the time we have a 24- to 48-hour window to flee from an oncoming storm," said Collins.

"But, if you think evacuation is difficult, shutting down one is even more difficult."

He said people on highways are already in a state of high

stress, and it is next to impossible to convince them to get off the road and seek the nearest shelter.

One of those involved in planning an evacuation shutdown on a day-to-day basis is Helene Wetherington, assistant director to the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management. She has been working with 37 municipalities to define and refine a "Refuge of Last Resort" plan for her area, which includes a population of over 1.1 million and a coastline spanning 44 miles. There are more than 150,000 people living in surge zones, many of them elderly.

"The question is where do we put them once we have made the decision to shut down an evacuation," said Wetherington. "If they stay in their vehicles and face a direct hit by a storm, we could lose thousands of lives."

Wetherington said her job is to identify public facilities along an evacuation route that can serve as emergency shelters and formulate a plan for getting people there. She is also looking at plans to temporarily house refugees in hotels, office buildings and even private homes.

"This is a very touchy issue because of liability questions," said Wetherington. "The governor is the only individual who can commandeer private property. But, it might be our only option for saving thousands of lives."

She said some public facilities would not qualify as hurricane shelters using present

guidelines and regulations, but would have to be pressed into service if approved shelters are already full. "They wouldn't have the staffing, the food, communications or the other comforts of an approved shelter, but they will have to do," said Wetherington.

Don Lewis is with a Tallahassee-based planning firm coordinating an evacuation shutdown refuge plan for the Southeast Florida coastline.

"We don't have systems in place to tell us accurately what's happening on the highways," said Lewis. He mentioned Hurricane Opal, which formed rapidly, and moved forward rapidly, catching many fleeing motorists by surprise.

"We need to be able to communicate better to the public on the open road," Lewis said. "We must be proactive in monitoring road and traffic conditions."

Lewis said that although forecasters can determine a hurricane's landfall within a 200-mile radius, "We still have a hard time determining the speed and intensity of the storm and exactly when it might make landfall."

Michael Augustyniak is hurricane protection coordinator for the densely-populated New Jersey coastal area, and has felt the "political heat" of ordering a wholesale evacuation.

"There are enormous political considerations and economic consequences of ordering a massive evacuation," said Augustyniak. He said the governor and local political leaders would be more than hesitant to

shut down New Jersey casinos or beach resorts over a holiday weekend, like Labor Day, unless a strike by a hurricane were imminent.

Augustyniak said when Hurricane Bertha and other storms were bearing down on his area, he monitored the progress of the storm, listening to advisories updated every six hours by the National Weather Service. Ultimately, he did not order a massive evacuation, Augustyniak said, but residents and businesses had already boarded up and plans for shelters, reverse-laning on exit highways and emergency personnel were already in place in the event a storm strike was imminent.

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measurable goals and actions to be completed. This will not only help us achieve our economic goals, but provide Bay St. Louis citizens with a performance-based accountability system by which to measure our real progress.

Quality of life will be central to the strategic plan. Economic experts warn that recent trends place a premium on community character and quality of life. Keeping Bay St. Louis livable increases its attraction for residents, businesses and visitors.

2. What major capital improvement projects should the city undertake now that three large drainage projects have been completed?

There are several more drainage, sewer, water and gas projects from the 1996 capital improvements program, developed by the City Council and Mayor, on the drawing board. But before the city undertakes a single new project, we must take a hard look at our present financial position. Our much-needed capital improvements have put us \$11.5 million in debt, and revenues for casino and other businesses are at a low. Priorities are set during the budget process. It's the time when information from the financial administration system is most important, as the Mississippi Municipal Association warns us, because the best way to predict the future is to look at the past.

Right now, the city's external financial audits are more than two years behind schedule. We simply do not have up-to-date financial information. Auditors have repeatedly recommended improvements in the city's bookkeeping system in order to rectify the untimeliness, inadequate financial reporting and weak internal controls. My first step in office will be to do what it takes to get our financial reporting system into top order. Once that is accomplished, we, the elected officials and the citizens, will have a better idea of which priorities to set.

3. What can the city do to offset the loss of major businesses such as West Building Supply, DeRussy Motors and the vacant grocery store in the Zuppardo Shopping Center?

Again, strategic planning for the city's economic development is essential. We cannot afford to sit back and wait for business to come to us. As a team facilitator, I will target and utilize our economic development opportunities by working closely with businesses, land owners, developers, and Chamber of Commerce.

With the input of community decision-makers, we will generate a blueprint for economic success, including an action plan with measurable goals and how resources will be directed to accomplish it. The plan will include benchmarks for recruiting and promoting

businesses, and promoting tourism based on all that Bay St. Louis has to offer -- arts, entertainment, fine cuisine, recreation, heritage, and nature.

4. Are the city's water, sewer and gas facilities adequate to accommodate Casino Magic's planned expansion, or would utilities need to be upgraded? Would it also require more fire department equipment and manpower?

The city has already provided the necessary infrastructure in the past several years. These upgrades will be more than adequate for what is there and what is forthcoming.

5. What are your plans for dealing with unlawful drugs and disruptive behavior in the city?

I will target the known "hot spots," working with police, the county drug task force and community liaison leaders to end the unlawfulness in an ongoing rather than sporadic effort. I recognize that some, because of youth or other correctable circumstances, have taken a wrong turn and, with help, could change. I will work with organizations such as Save Our Children, Break of Dawn, and Operation Wakeup and provide more visible police to deter drug-trafficking, using a proactive strategy rather than a reactive response. Every part of our city should be safe at all

times for all citizens. There is no place on our city streets where unlawful or disruptive behavior will be tolerated.

6. Why should Bay St. Louis citizens vote for you?

I am committed to improvement of every part of our community and I have the energy and dedication to carry through on my commitments. I am qualified for the job with fifteen years experience: Seven as a proactive community leader participating in planning and zoning, city council meetings, workshops and budget hearings, and eight years experience as City Councilman from Ward 4 providing you, the citizens, with nearly \$16 million in improvements including drainage, water, sewer, gas, new

public pier, new senior citizens center, 7-field athletic complex, new fire truck and restored Depot without a tax increase.

I will be a hands-on full-time, pro-active major, willing to work daily to improve and protect the community for all citizens. I have worked hard for you as a City Councilman. As your mayor I will continue my commitment to move Bay St. Louis forward into the new century using vision, integrity and decisiveness. My innovative and effective leadership will accomplish our goals for all of our citizens without putting the city further in debt. My door will always be open to you to listen to your needs and hear your concerns.

This is my record. This is my commitment.

Some bunny to love



Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shalibetter
When Taylor Newton, six, first-grade student at Waveland Elementary, heard from Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast Inc. that another little girl was not going to have a very happy birthday on Thursday, she wanted to do something to help by giving her a cuddly bunny. Lakeshore Industries also has donated an Easter basket and birthday goodies to the seven-year-old, whose mother is dying of cancer.

Hurricane -- conference

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ing the National Hurricane Conference at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Allbaugh was formerly chief of staff for then-Gov. George W. Bush.

"We know with more sophisticated monitoring and technology, we can change the impact of a disaster and the loss of lives and property," said Allbaugh.

He said, in the president's proposed budget, an additional \$15 million is included to modernize flood maps, which the National Weather Service and other agencies use to predict storm surge and other coastal impacts. There's also more funding recommended in the budget for other federal agencies, such

as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Allbaugh said.

He said builders and citizens can also play a role in making their communities more hurricane resistant. Since 1992, when Hurricane Andrew devastated parts of Florida, Allbaugh said, many state and local governments have adopted the National Building Code.

"It has made a profound difference, and I cannot emphasize enough the need for more states and communities to adopt this code," he said. "Our charge is clear. We must all work together, all levels of government, the private sector and the general public, to prevent the loss of lives and to minimize property damage."

Scott Gudes, acting undersecretary of Commerce and acting administrator for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency, said inland flooding is the number one cause of death from hurricanes, and NOAA and its related agencies, are working to refine forecasting and monitoring.

"Hurricanes have a way of cutting through all layers of bureaucracy," said Gudes. "After a direct hit, agencies which might be competing for

funding or importance, seem to come together for the better good."

Gudes said current estimates are 36 million people live in hurricane-prone areas of the United States, but that population is expected to rise to 73 million in those areas by 2010.

He said current technology allows forecasters to predict within a 200-mile radius where a hurricane might make landfall, but his goal was to bring predictions down to a 100-mile range.

Dr. Bernadine Healy, President and CEO of the American Red Cross, told delegates, "Each of us can play a role in saving lives and restoring dignity to those who have suffered the loss of loved ones or property during a hurricane or any other natural disaster."

"Such disasters touch the very soul -- it changes lives forever," she said.

She told the story of how the American Red Cross founder Clara Barton came to Galveston, Tx. in 1900 after the country's worst hurricane, which claimed more than 6,000 lives. "She was 78 years old then," said Healy. "But, that didn't stop her. She filled railcars with medicine and emergency food and supplies. She set up an orphanage for the children. She opened shelters."

Healy said Barton's role in Galveston's recovery marked the turning point for the American Red Cross and defined its goal to be of service whenever any natural disaster strikes the nation.

"And, since 1999 when I took over the agency, there have been about 26 natural disasters affecting over 130,000 people," she said.

She said the American Red

Cross greatly depends on the generosity of the American public, and with disasters seemingly to be on the increase, the need for more financial support grows greater every day.

"We can't do it alone," Healy said. "We need your continued support."



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LET'S LOOK AT THE FACTS, NOT MYTHS.

MYTH: EDDIE FAVRE DID IT ALL BY HIMSELF.

FACT: AS A CITY COUNCILMAN FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS I HAVE WORKED AND VOTED FOR MASSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, NEW PUBLIC PIER, NEW SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 7-FIELD ATHLETIC COMPLEX, A NEW FIRE TRUCK, AND RESTORED, OUR HISTORICAL DEPOT. TOOK THE LEAD IN DRAFTING AND ADOPTING ORDINANCES THAT WOULD INSURE OUR RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS DISTRICTS BLEND TOGETHER SEAMLESSLY. FOUGHT FOR AND ADOPTED ZONING TO HAVE ONLY ONE CASINO DISTRICT. IT TOOK LONG HOURS IN WORKSHOPS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS TO MAKE THESE THINGS HAPPEN.

MYTH: WE GOT THERE VIA EDDIE FAVRE'S FINANCIAL CLEVERNESS WHICH LED TO CUTTING TAXES AND PROVIDING IMPROVEMENTS.

FACT: WE GOT THERE VIA A THRIVING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ECONOMY, A CASINO CORRECTLY LOCATED, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF ALL OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS PAST AND PRESENT, AND CITIZENS WHO HAVE A STRONG VISION FOR OUR COMMUNITY. FINANCIAL CLEVERNESS? WE HAVE NO CLUE AS TO THE CITY'S PRESENT FINANCIAL POSITION. CITY AUDITS ARE MORE THAN TWO YEARS BEHIND SCHEDULE DUE TO SLOPPY BOOKKEEPING AND INADEQUATE ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE.

MYTH: EDDIE FAVRE FUELS THE CITY'S MOMENTUM.

FACT: THE CITY'S MOMENTUM IS FUELED BY ITS UNIQUE RESOURCES - NATURAL AND MAN MADE. IT SITS ON GO, READY TO TAKE OFF. IT'S AN EMPTY AND INATTENTIVE MAYOR'S OFFICE THAT HAS LOST MOMENTUM. TAD BLACK'S ENERGETIC, HARD WORKING, DEDICATED LEADERSHIP NEEDS NO RE-FUELING.

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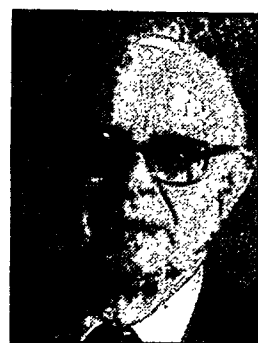
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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Today is Easter and much emphasis is placed on the day by many folks by attending church services.

Some will attend Special Sunrise Services like the one at 6 a.m. on the Jimmy Rutherford Pier in Bay St. Louis.

Easter Sunday is one of days of the year when area churches have the most people in attendance.

It is my hope that each and everyone of you will have a Blessed Easter.

Tuesday is the Special Election day on the Mississippi State flag issue.

Whether Mississippi will have a new flag, or keep the old one is on the ballot.

A decision will be made by the qualified electors of the state, so it is your duty to get out and vote your wishes.

Remember, the polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, for the flag vote.

It is good to see the old Woodman of the World building on S. Second Street in Bay St. Louis receiving a new face lift.

That building brings back many memories for me, as I worked in it for over 21 years, before The Echo moved to its current location in 1979.

I know one thing is for sure, there is some of the hardest lumber around used in construction of the building almost 100 years ago.

It is hard to drive a nail in some of the longleaf pine support beams which are tree size.

The building now is the Antique Arcade.

One of the reasons many residents like to live in our area is because of the way folks care about each other.

Over the span of my life, and in reviewing our old issues of The Echo, there were and are always someone holding some type of a benefit for someone with some problem.

This really shows about how we care for each other.

As an example, on Saturday, April 21, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, Lakeshore, there will be a fund raiser for Tony & Paulette Guidry.

Tony age 33, had brain surgery in February and has had heart problems to add to the family's financial crisis.

Tony and Paulette have a son age 13 and a daughter age 10.

Paulette is the daughter of a friend of mine, Norma Dore.

The benefit is to help the family with medical expenses which have been massive.

Events get under way at the VFW Hall at 11 a.m. next Saturday and there will be live entertainment and good food.

I have been told that Boss Hog and Friends are cooking. Plate lunches are \$5 each.

There will be several raffles, one for 100 pounds of shrimp, a Remington 1100 12 gauge Shotgun and \$200 cash. Raffle tickets are \$1 each.

I hope to see you at the fund raiser.

Improving Health Care in Mississippi

Industries looking to relocate or expand their business in Mississippi want an environment that provides healthy, educated employees, as well as a good quality of life for them. I have said that education and economic development go hand in hand, but having healthy, happy people is essential for expanding economic development and teaching our children.

Education, economic development, health care and public safety are our priorities. When Mississippi has established these key foundations for our state, all other elements will fall into place. A sound, solid health care system is a vital component to our state's success. We cannot ignore the health of our people.

Mississippi is looking for ways to strengthen and improve access to health care across our state. We are providing more

opportunities in the health care system for our state's underserved and rural communities. These advancements are helping improve the quality of life for more Mississippians.

We have improved opportunities in all areas across the state. Mississippi has enacted a medical scholarship program as an incentive to attract physicians to our state's areas of critical need. We have enrolled more of our children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). We now have licensed Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants whose presence in our state offers increased access to medical care.

The Mississippi Rural Health Care Fund will make great strides in helping to find solutions that meet our people's health care needs. Mississippi has a need for improved health



Ronnie Musgrove

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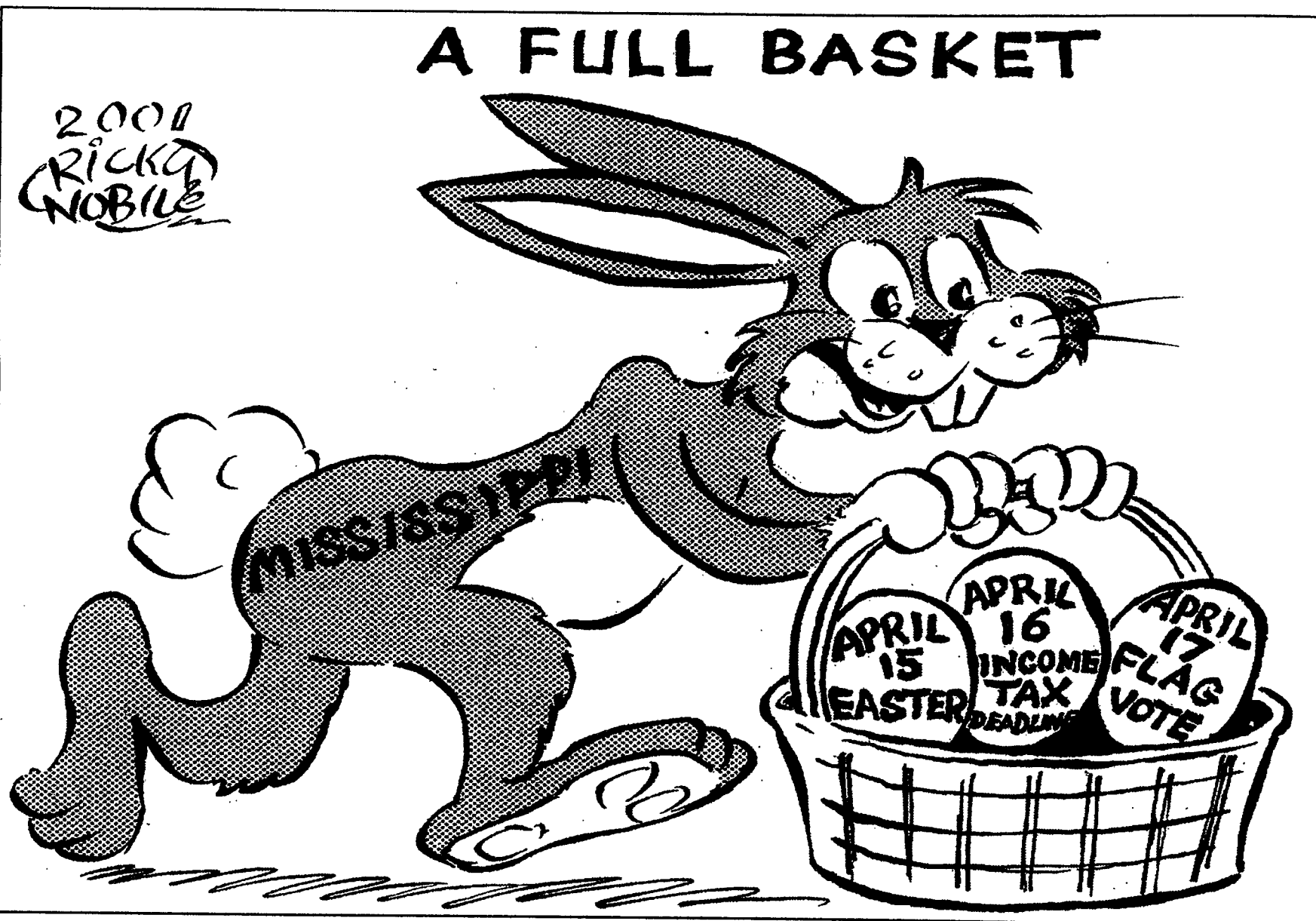
care options and this program helps to address those needs. People in every county, in every area of our state deserve to have access to life-saving, life-enhancing services.

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The Rural Health Care Loan Fund is helping us develop stronger and better Mississippians, which creates a stronger and better Mississippi. This is another opportunity to improve the quality of life of our citizens. Mississippi is moving ahead of the nation, improving our people's lives and making Mississippi even more attractive to industries and individuals.



Letters to the Editor

Noise pollution a serious problem, symptom of something worse

Editor;
The most basic of all citizen rights is the right to peace. Every State in the Union, including the State of Mississippi, has statutes forbidding the disturbance of the peace of its citizenry.

In Mississippi, the State Code is 97-35-9, which prohibits, among other acts, the disturbance of a persons or families peace by loud or unusual noise. This right has been denied the citizens of Hancock County.

The failure of our law enforcement officers and elected officials to take a firm stance against the handful of hoodlums allowed to roam our residential neighborhoods day and night with automobile stereos which can be heard and felt a quarter mile or more away is not only deplorable but will eventually result in an increase of other crimes.

As a former law enforcement officer and criminologist I can assure you that this problem is

very serious and will grow more serious if allowed to continue. In many areas it is a gang thing, a way to say to hell with the good citizens and to hell with the common laws.

I can assure you that a crackdown on these violators would result in increased arrests for drugs, narcotics and alcohol violations along with a host of vehicular offenses.

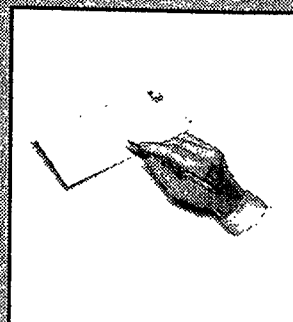
I have heard some folks yammering that these hoodlums have a constitutional right to disturb the peace. That is not true. There is no protection issues involved, such as free speech. The moment these violators force their unwanted noise onto the good citizenry it is not only a clear violation of common law but also of common decency.

If a person decided to stand in front of the Sherriffs home with a sign proclaiming that he is not performing his sworn duty, such an action would undoubtedly be protected under the Constitution.

However, should that same

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person stand in front of the sherriffs home with a bullhorn, cursing and screaming gibberish, that person would undoubtedly be immediately arrested and no court would find such behavior protected, under either the U.S. or the Mississippi Constitution.

There are many good citizens in this county who are fed up with this situation and I for one demand a local law enforcement crackdown on these violators and demand that the Board of Supervisors immediately implement a strict and comprehensive local noise ordinance which will cover any and all residential neighborhoods in Hancock County, with severe fines and penalties for violators.

I commend the elected offi-

cials in the City of Waveland for passing their noise ordinance and am seriously considering moving back into the city of Waveland to reclaim my right to peace.

In closing, let me state that I am amazed at the lack of interest by the Chamber of Commerce and other civic groups as regards this problem. I have no doubt that it would be much easier to vote in a noise ordinance in this county than a building code. After all what good is a building code if good citizens are forced to go elsewhere to find a peaceful place to live.

A voter,
William Garcia
Lakeshore

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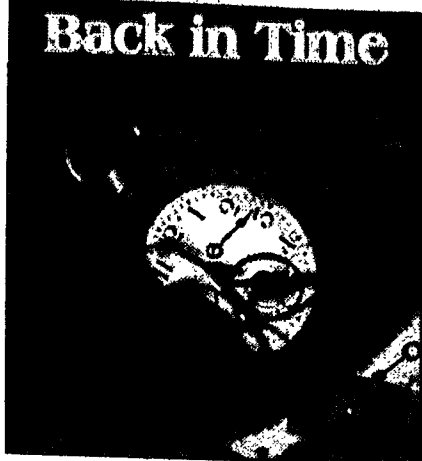
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Back in Time



BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
TEN YEARS AGO

April 14, 1991 - The 1991 Beach Front Festival Poster is now available at Mary's Eatery and Screendoor Graphics. The poster, which has been printed in a limited edition of 300 (signed and numbered) and sells for \$20 each, is the work of New Orleans sign painter Gordner Kroll. The six-color poster depicts a sunrise on the Bay, a pelican on a piling, a fisherman in his skiff, a red snapper, palmetto palms and an overhanging oak tree bough draped with Spanish Moss.

- There are about 150 fake drivers licenses throughout Hancock County reported Investigator Jimmy Varnell of the Waveland Police Department. A 17-year-old was arrested 11 p.m. Friday when he was found to be exercising his artistic abilities forging Mississippi State drivers licenses and selling them for \$10 apiece. Varnell said the young man had two boards set up for reproduction. One for a female I.D. and one for a male.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 12, 1981 - Third grade classes temporarily housed at Bay Senior High School will be moved back to North Bay Elementary School this Fall. At a special meeting Wednesday night the Bay St. Louis

School District lines re-drawn in 1981

Municipal Separate School District Board of Trustees unanimously accepted a recommendation of J.D. McCullough, superintendent of education, temporarily placing: first through fifth grade students residing inside the Waveland city limits to Waveland Elementary School; first through fifth residing in Bay St. Louis city limits and district territory outside city limits at North Bay; all sixth grade students at S.J. Ingram Building on Ulman Avenue in Bay St. Louis across from Bay Junior High school; all seventh and eighth grade students at Bay Junior High; and all ninth through 12th grade students at the senior high. McCullough noted the move is just for the 1981-82 school year.

- Five angry parents of Gulfview Elementary eighth graders appeared at a Friday Hancock County School Board meeting to complain that some \$1,073 raised by the parents for their children to attend a two-day field trip to Jackson was 'misused' by school administrators.

The parents group contends the money in part was used to pay the trip expenses of six teacher chaperones while 11 students were forced to stay home because they could not afford to go. The school board met in executive session with each parent called in separately.

FORTY YEARS AGO

April 13, 1961 - Municipal Separate School District trustees Monday voted a \$2,250 annual pay raise for superintendent J.D. McCullough. Trustee Robert Hamilton recommended the increase to \$9,000 (a year) to begin with the fiscal school year July 1, the board studied the superintendent's salaries in

similar school districts throughout the state.

- Winn-Dixie will resume its Sunday opening for the summer this weekend with store hours from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to Charles Langford, store manager.

- St. Stanislaus placed two men on the first Gulf Coast All-Catholic basketball quintet, it was announced Tuesday. They are seniors E.J. Babin and Pat Mashburn. Babin is the smallest man on the Rock squad at 5-5 but scored 209 points this season for the Rock-a-chaws.

- Bay Mayor John A. Scaife will be the principal speaker for Bay High's School's annual career day Friday. Speakers on various major professions who will address students interested in their field will include: R.L. Johnson, dean of Pearl River Junior College; Dr. A.K. Martinovich, Jr., local physician; Dan M. Russell, Jr., attorney; Hardin Shattuck, manager of Coast Electric Power Association; Fred Wagner, architect; and Miss Wiona Latimer, home economist with

Mississippi Power Company.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

April 11, 1941 - A meeting of Bay St. Louis Scout Committeemen was held Friday evening, April 4, at Hotel Reed, which was largely attended. It was decided that a court of awards will be held on Wednesday, April 23. Attending the meeting were Father A.J. Gmelch, District chairman; Steve Kenney, Field Executive; Fred Fayard, Carl Arnold, Foster Commerge, Sylvester Benigno, Prof. S.J. Ingram, William A. Staehle, Leo Ford, Henry Osoinach, H.W. LeTessier, E.J. Arceneaux, Dr. C.M. Shipp, J.O. Mauffray, Arthur Scaife, Roger Heitzmann, T.J. McCaleb, L.S. Elliott, T.T. Robin, Alden Mauffray, and Tony Benigno.

- Emile Piazza, eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Piazza, left Bay St. Louis on Tuesday night via Louisville & Nashville Railroad for Orlando, Florida, to join the Thirtieth Bombardment Squadron of the U.S. Army which he enlisted

Applications sought for art scholarships

Maren Casano, chairman of the Dot Hector Memorial Art Scholarship Committee is calling for applications from serious art students.

The 2001 scholarship, which is made available by the Collage Arts Festival, will be \$4,000 to be applied toward tuition to the college or junior college of the artist's choice.

Applications must include a minimum of two recommendations from art teachers, directors of art departments or Collage artists, a short resume including artist's ambitions and one or two pieces of the artist's work.

Applications and art work should be dropped off at the Pass Christian Library, 111 Hiern Avenue, by April 28 and picked up May 4 through May 7. Judging will take place May 3. The winner will be notified

shortly thereafter.

Dot Hector was a well-known Mississippi artist and one of the founding members of the annual Collage Arts Festival which takes place in Pass Christian.

When Hector died at the age of 93, friends started the scholarship fund in her memory. The scholarship enables deserving and talented students seeking careers in the visual arts to go on to higher education in the arts.

For the past five years Collage artists have donated works of art for a silent auction, proceeds of which go to the scholarship fund. Other monies have come from private donations and a Collage preview party which is held before the festival.

For information, call Casano at 228-255-4117 or Sue at 228-255-1953.

Riverview property owners form civic association

Property owners of the Riverview waterfront community (also known as Shoreline Park Subdivision), located in Bay St. Louis off Hwy. 603, have recently formed a civic association.

Although the membership drive is still in progress and the association has not been offi-

cially chartered to date, a second meeting will Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m. at 11088 Tahiti Street, the home of Ray and Johanna Spicuzza.

For information, property owners interested in attending this meeting may contact Sam Sketteno (463-9338) or Roger Estopinal (466-9857).

PRCC seeks approval for 3 new Vo-Tech programs

The Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees gave the school the go ahead to make application for three new associate degree programs Tuesday during the regular April meeting.

The three programs are Aviation Maintenance Technology, Computer Servicing Technology and Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound Technology.

The Aviation Maintenance Technology program would be taught at the Stennis International Airport in Hancock County. The other programs would be taught at Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg.

According to Dr. James Sones, dean of Vocational-Technical Affairs, the applications will now be forwarded to the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and the Mississippi State Department of Education for their review and approval.

"The people in Hancock County and the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission requested such a program be placed down there," said Dr. Sones. "Also, some of the Boeing people at the Stennis Center requested the program."

The Board of Trustees also approved a \$100 a semester raise in tuition for the fall semester to offset state budget cuts. Tuition for full-time students will increase from \$525 to \$625 per semester. Students will also be charged a \$15 technology fee and \$10 registration fee each semester.

"At the present time, we are looking at an \$850,000 budget cut for next year," said PRCC President William Lewis. "That figure is based on what is being projected on a 3.7 percent growth in the economy by the state Legislature. We are proposing a \$300,000 reserve in our budget for next year."

He explained that the college is also reducing travel and equipment budgets as well as reducing personnel by not replacing some retirees or those who move on to other jobs in an effort to present a balanced

budget for the 2001-02 school year.

The tuition increase will not serve as a hardship for many PRCC students, according to Mike Dobbins, director of financial aid at PRCC. "We anticipate that the increase in our tuition for approximately 65 percent of our students will be absorbed by the increase in the federal Pell Grant program for the next year," said Dobbins. "The maximum Pell Grant increases from \$3,300 a year to \$3,750. Also, approximately 15 percent of our students who do not qualify for federal Pell Grants receive some type of academic or service scholarship. The value of those scholarships is directly connected to our tuition. So they will be adjusted upward."

In other business, the board: > Heard a report from Clifton Wade, director of building and grounds, on renovation work on the old administration building on the Poplarville campus, which began this week. The building is being converted into the Information management Center. Project cost is \$408,000.

> Awarded Lewis a new 3-year contract. Lewis became president of PRCC on July 1, 2000.

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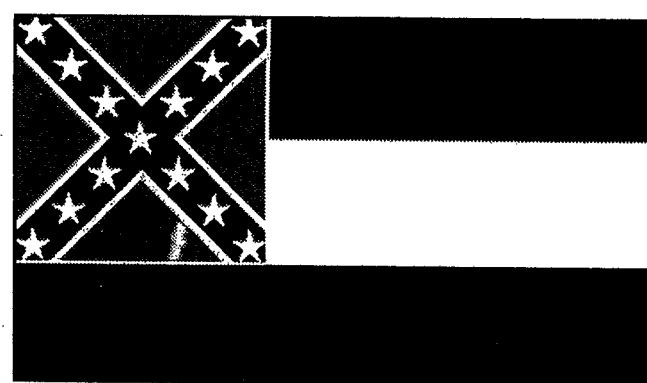
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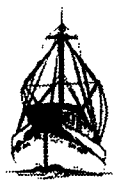
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SPORTS

SSC & OLA sweep titles at Catholic Invitational Relays

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-chaws and Our Lady Academy Crescents ran away with the team titles for the varsity and junior high division in the annual Catholic Relays held at the St. Stanislaus Track on Tuesday, April 10.

In the varsity boys division, the Rocks ran away with first place scoring 91 points. St. John placed second with 50 points followed by Mercy Cross with 26 points and Resurrection in fourth with five points. In the varsity girls division, OLA nipped Mercy Cross for first place with 52 points. The Crusaders scored 51 points. St. John took third place with 30 points followed by Resurrection with 24 points.

In the junior high boys division, SSC claimed first place with 62 points followed by Mercy Cross with seven points. Resurrection added three points to place third while St. John took fourth place with one point. In the junior high girls division, OLA took home the trophy with 33 points followed by Mercy Cross with 16 points.

Frederick Mallini took first place in the shotput with a

throw of 39'9" while teammate Nick Weinman placed third. Weinman won the discus for SSC with a throw of 111'3" followed by teammate Jesse Battle in second place.

Lucas Vinning of SSC took first place in the pole vault with a height of 11'6" followed by teammate Darryl Russel in second.

Cheick Sanakoua placed second in the high jump and triple jump for SSC with marks of 5'6" and 38' 9 1/2". Nick Benvenuti took third in the triple jump for SSC with a leap of 36'4". Brice Monu and Brian Butler placed second and third, respectively, in the long jump.

Allen Leone took home top honors in the 3200m run for SSC with a winning time of 11:02. Logan Walker gave SSC two first place finishes in the 110m high hurdles and 300m intermediate hurdles with times of 18:58 and 43:66. He was followed by teammate Darren Keel in third place in the 110m high hurdles and Sanakoua in the 300m hurdles.

Darius Acker won the 100m dash for SSC with a time of 11.5. Butler finished second in the 400m dash for SSC with a time of 56.65.

Kyle Lewis of SSC won the 1600m and 800m runs for SSC. Lewis times were 4:54 and 2:11.4. Allen Leone placed second for SSC in the 1600m run behind Lewis. Brent Acker challenged Lewis for the top spot in the 800m run but fell a little shy and placed second for SSC with a time of 2:12.1.

The SSC relay teams won all three relays during the meet. The team of Butler, Grady Willis, Gabe Willis, and Acker won the 800m relay in 1:36.00. Walker took the place of Gabe Willis on the 400m winning team with a time of 46.35. The 1600m team of Lewis, Butler, Acker, and Walker finished in 3:44.52.

In the girls senior high division, LaTonya Piernas of OLA recorded three wins in the long jump, 100m, and 200m dash. Her marks were 15' 1 1/2", 12.86, and 27.7.

Jill Rutherford won the girls discus and placed second in the shotput with throws of 91'4" and 24' 6 1/2".

Grace Allen added a third place finish in the long jump for OLA. Jennifer Asper took home second place for OLA in the 3200m run with a time of 14:09.

Jordan Jones claimed the 400m dash crown for OLA with a winning time of 1:06.63. Candice Mixon of OLA claimed third place in the 1600m run

with a time of 6:38.06.

The 800m relay team of Piernas, Denira Dedeaux, Whitney Lyons, and Jones placed second with a time of 2:02.24. The same relay team except Allen subbed for Jones claimed third in the 400m relay. OLA also took home second in the 1600m relay with a time of 4:54.71.

In the junior high boys division, Chris McAllister of SSC was a triple winner in the long jump, high jump, and pole vault with top marks of 16'8", 5'4", and 7'6". Ryan Morales claimed two top finishes in the shotput and discus with marks of 37'7" and 106'3".

Troy Johnston and Micah Baxter placed second in the high jump and long jump, respectively, for the SSC team.

Ricardo Arrigunaga took first for the Rocks in the 100m hurdles followed by teammate Stefan Sofianos in second place.

Brennan Marlowe and Jason Lewis placed one and two in the 100m dash for SSC with times of 12.96 and 13.72. Marlowe also took home the 200m dash title with a time of 26.61.

Kody Cannon was a winner for SSC in the 1600m with a time of 5:21 and second in the 800 m run with a time of 2:26.54.

Stefan Sofianos claimed top spot in the 400m dash for SSC

with a time of 1:06 followed by teammate Brad Reinhart in third place.

The SSC relay teams claimed the top spots in the 400m, 800m, and 1600m relays with times of 52.35, 1:56.4, and 4:34.

In the junior high girls division, Kaylee Schmitt was a double winner in the shotput and discus with throws of 15' 1 1/2" and 54'8". She also placed second in the long jump.

Emily Stechmann won the long jump with a leap of 10'9"

and placed second in the shotput. Megan Flynt placed second in the shotput for OLA.

Elissa Kergosien won the 400m dash and 200m dash for OLA with times of 1:12.5 and 28.1. Mandy Donlin took second in the 1600m run with a time of 7:21 and she won the 800m run with a time of 2:42.

OLA took first place in the 1600m relay and the 400m relay with times of 5:24.16 and 55.20. The 800m relay placed second in 2:18.9.

Fire Dogs rip Rangers 55-6 for first win

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The first game under head coach Irvin Favre's guidance proved to be a good one for the Mississippi Fire Dogs on Saturday, April 7, as they defeated the Louisiana Rangers in Alexandria by the score of 55-6. This is the franchise's first game and season in the National Indoor Football League (NIFL) after spending two seasons in the Indoor Professional Football League. Last season, the Fire Dogs won the IPFL's championship.

There are two major rule changes between the two leagues. First, all field goals are worth three points. Second, the wall is live. That means a player can hit the wall but still alive. The player must actually be tackled or the whistle blown for a play to ruled dead.

Kenny Causey, a familiar face with Fire Dogs' fans, was on the receiving end of three touchdown passes by quarterback Derrick Taite. Taite is a former Mississippi State standout who is back with the Fire Dogs after sitting out last season with a ruptured achilles tendon.

The Fire Dogs led 38-3 at halftime over the mismatched Raiders. The 6-2 Causey wreaked havoc on an ill-prepared Ranger defensive secondary.

The only points for the Rangers came on a pair of field goals by Shane Barbaro. He kicked a 40-yard field goal in

the first half and split the uprisings in the third quarter for his team's only other points.

Fire Dogs offensive coordinator Stu Rayborn stated, "We wanted a balanced attack today and we got it." Taite passed for 186 yards while the backs combined for 103 yards on the ground.

The Fire Dogs first scored three times by air and three times on the ground. Tim Hardaway kicked two field goals and six extra points to add to the Fire Dogs' point total.

Kevin Heard scored first for Mississippi when Emanuel Bentley picked off a Ranger pass to set up the score.

Causey scored on passes of 23, 33, and 13 yards. The first was set up a Kevin Bouis interception while the second followed Bentley's second pick of the game. The final Taite-Causey connection came off a missed Ranger field goal.

Dexter Thomas and Tyrone Ashley each added a score on the ground for the Fire Dogs. Ashley is a former Ole Miss star and NFL player.

With the win, the Fire Dogs stand at 1-0 and will face Mobile on Saturday, April 14. Saturday's game against Mobile will reunite former head coach and quarterback John Fourcade with his former team. Fourcade now calls the plays and signals for the Seagulls of Mobile after leading the Fire Dogs to last season.

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Obituaries

CHARLES JOHNSON WALTER F. DAVIS



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The Office for the Burial of the Dead will be read and the Holy Eucharist celebrated at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis, MS, on Monday, April 16, 2001, at noon, with visitation at the church at 11:00 a.m. The Very Rev. James B. Roberts will officiate at the Burial and the Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray, Bishop of Mississippi, will be the Celebrant. The Sermon will be offered by The Rev. Jon A. Caridad. Memorials in his name may be made to the Book of Remembrance, Christ Episcopal Church, 912 S. Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520.

CHARLES JOHNSON

Charles Eric Johnson, 22, of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, beloved son of Gail H. and Arthur E. Johnson of Bay St. Louis and Patricia N. and Paul J. Cardozo of Athens, Georgia, died on April 11, 2001, of accidental asphyxiation. Charles was one of four children, and is survived by his brother, Andrew N. Johnson of San Antonio, Texas, and his sisters, Kendra M. Lee of Atlanta, Georgia, and Andrea L. Lee of New Orleans, Louisiana. He also leaves his grandparents, Bee and Andrew Johnson and William Noble of San Antonio, and Louise Hutto of Winter Park, Florida.

He was a 1996 graduate of St. Stanislaus College, where he was active in band and SADD. He attended University of South Alabama and Jeff Davis Community College. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, where he had served as an acolyte.

Charles' life was epitomized by love. He loved life and his family, and he loved all of God's creation, especially Bay St. Louis, the sea, and the islands.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who played a part with my sight being returned to me. Ask God to bless them; keep them in His tender, loving care.

With Respect
Myrtis Broussard

In Memoriam In Loving Memory of SETH AARON OSTERHOLM Dec. 22, 1989 - April 15, 1998



God's Lent Child

"I'll lend you for a little while a child of mine," God said. "For you to love while he lives, and mourn for when he's dead."

"It may be one or two years or forty-two or three; but will you 'til I call him back, take care of him for me?"

"He will bring his charms to gladden you, and would his stay be brief, you'll have his lovely memories as a solace for your grief."

"I cannot promise he will stay, since all from earth return; but the lessons taught below I want this child to learn."

"I've looked the whole world over in search of teachers true; and from the things that crowd life's land - I have chosen you."

"Will you give him all your love? Nor think the labor vain? Nor hate me when I come to take this lent child back again?"

I fancied that I heard them say, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done. For the joys Thy child will bring, the risk of grief we'll run."

"We will shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may - and for the happiness we've known forever grateful stay."

"But should thy angels call for him much sooner than we've planned, we'll brave the grief that comes, and try to understand."

Sadly missed, very much loved,
Mom, Dad, Adam,
Nan and Papa

WALTER F. DAVIS

Walter Franklin "Boss" Davis, 83, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, April 10, 2001, in Diamondhead.

Mr. Davis was a member of Valena C. Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, where he served as an usher. He was an Army veteran of WWII, and retired from Keesler Air Force Base after 20 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Ivory and Frances Davis; and his brother, William Cobb Davis.

Survivors include a son, Franklin Davis of Bay St. Louis; five sisters, Maggie Thompson of Westwego, La., Etta Williams of Bay St. Louis, Ruby Davis and Mary Lewis, both of Gulfport, and Anna Davis of New York, N.Y.; and a grandson.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the Valena C. Jones Memorial United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis, where friends may call one hour before services. Burial will follow in the Biloxi National Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral Home of Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

PERS to host seminar

The Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) will host a seminar for retirees in Gulfport Tuesday, April 24, Room U-202 at the Jeff Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, 2226 Switzer Road. The seminar begins at 9:30 a.m. and will end by noon. There is no fee to attend the seminar, and registration is not required. Topics include retirement legislation approved this year, an update on the Retirement System, retiree insurance programs, re-employment regulations, Social Security and the benefit enhancement that will be implemented July 1, 2001. PERS officials will be available to answer questions concerning retirement issues.

In Memoriam In Loving Memory of ROLAND TAILLAC & JUDY WATSON



Thinking of you at Easter.

God called them home, it was His will, But in our hearts we love them still; Their memories are as dear today, As in the hour they passed away.

Have a Blessed Easter
Louise,
Daughters & Family

Bontemps Unit 139 Easter egg hunt a huge success

Clement R. Bontemps Unit 139 in Bay St. Louis hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt for children age 1 through 9 on Saturday, April 7 at City Hall Park. Unit members Joyce Bermond, Mattie North, Zadie Bermond, Frances Graves, Audrey Heine, Bobbye Tomlinson, Ruby Thomas, Lila Taylor, Retta Cardin, Betty LaFontaine, Phyllis Moran, Lou Wilkerson, and Janet Aime prepared bags of candy to give each child and fill the eggs to be used for the hunt with candy.

The month of April is the American Legion Auxiliary's Children and Youth Month and the Unit 139 Easter Egg Hunt in held each year as part of that program. It is open to the public and funded completely by individual donations and Unit 139. The Children and Youth Program is one of the Auxiliary's priority programs which the Unit funds all through the year and includes scholarships, child safety, education, health, and many more.

Over 100 attended the event that was open to the public. Unit and Post 139 members who worked the Easter Egg Hunt were Jonell and Al Poppe, Pam Wynn, Ron Daricek, Jim Long, Billie Tudury, Bill and

Lila Taylor, Bobbye Tomlinson, co-chairman Retta Cardin, and chairman, Janet Aime.

The Park was divided into 3 age groups, 1 to 3 years of age, 4 to 6 years of age, and 7 to 9 years of age for the egg hunt and the Bunny Toss game. Prizes were given to the children who found the "Special Egg" during the hunt and those who participated in the Bunny Toss game, in each age group. A grand prize was won by the child who's bag of candy held a special surprise.

The winners in the Egg Hunt were: Meghan Beaugez 4-6, Amanda Ginn 7-9, and Al Longo 1-3. Winners in the Bunny Toss were: Shelby Beaugez 7-9, Meghan Beaugez 4-6, Joquin Valle 1-3. Additional prize winners were: Christopher Weathersby, Madison Beaugez, Jose Flores, and Andrew Lewallen. The Grand Prize winner was Jason Toler.

Punch and cookies were served and many parents and children lingered in the park to enjoy the beautiful weather, the shade of the old oaks and for the children to play and inspect all their goodies. Unit and Post members thanked the parents and their children who attended, Mayor Favre and the City of

Bay St. Louis public works crew who keep the parks in such beautiful condition, and department for their help, especially Jimmy Loiacano and his the Sea Coast Echo.

Elephants, lions to highlight library story hours Wednesday

Elephants will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, set for Wednesday, April 18, at 10:30 a.m.

Elmer and the Lost Teddy and The Trouble with Elephants are the books to be read during the program. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making their own rendition of Elmer the Elephant.

Lots of Lions will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, April 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Simba's Pouncing Lesson, Andy and the Lion and Three Happy Lions are the books to be featured during the program. The children will also make a paper plate lion.

Weekly story hours are held

September through May. Programs last approximately one half-hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

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Bay man arrested for larceny after chase

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER Staff Writer

A Bay St. Louis man, Emmett Robert Acker, 21, was arrested on charges of grand larceny last week after a foot pursuit through a wooded area bordering the 600 block of Citizen Street. Acker is suspected of stealing cash from a cash drawer left on the manager's desk at his former place of employment, according to a report issued by Chief of Police Frank McNeil on Tuesday.

Detectives received information which led them to believe that Acker was at his mother's house, but when they arrived at the house about 12:15 p.m., Acker was seen in the backseat of a car that was just pulling away, according to McNeil. Detective Keper and Lt. Tom Burleson shouted at the unidentified driver to stop and he did, said McNeil in the report.

When the car stopped, Acker

jumped out and ran into the woods toward Citizen Street, where Detective Don Watson was waiting. When Acker saw Watson, he tried to run back the other way and disappeared momentarily in the undergrowth, the report said.

"By that time, patrol units had begun arriving and set up a perimeter around the area and detectives began looking for him under a house he had been seen at in the area," McNeil said in the report. Burleson and Sgt. Robert O'Neal found the suspect under the house. "This was a classic cooperation effort between our detectives and patrol officers," said McNeil in the report. "And everyone involved should be commended for a job well done."

Acker is being held in the Hancock County Justice Facility under a \$5,000 bond. He is also under a hold for the Mississippi Department of Corrections for probation violation.

Waste board holds decision

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER Staff Writer

Members of the Solid Waste Board decided not to take any action on the fate of three new proposed rubbish sites, until they have time to look over a transcript from a public hearing held on March 26.

Joey Boudin, who is seeking to open an 80-acre rubbish site in Bayou LaCroix Community of U.S. Hwy. 90 and Rifle Range Road, was the only one of the three petitioners who spoke out at the meeting.

Boudin said that he wanted to make it clear to the board that all the residents who signed a petition in opposition of his proposed site live over six miles from the site.

Mayor Eddie Farve, after scanning the transcript said that the bulk of the petitions opposing the proposed new rub-

bish sites were directed against the proposed 25-acre site in the Catatoula Community off Hwy. 43 and Rifle Range Road.

All three sites are within the Stennis Space Center buffer zone. The board was unclear about when they would take action on the requests.

In other business: The board discussed the possibility of the need to put a cap on the number of loads that a county resident could bring to a landfill.

Apparently, an informal investigation has revealed that several residents make repeated and excessive trips to the landfill which may indicate that they are using the free resident service to run hauling businesses. The board discussed the possibility of back billing these residents if it is confirmed that they are running commercial operations.

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Ribbon cutting

Redditt Pest Control celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting at its new location in Waveland at 210-B Highway 90. In attendance were Dusty Rhodes, left, Matt Capo, Frank Thebeau, Bob Nagy, Daniel Bourgeois, Jay Lagasse, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, Eddie Bourgeois, Peggy Rutherford, Herb Dubulsson Jr., George Wright and others.



Echo staff photo by Cecilia Howe

Grand re-opening

Ellen Kane Gifts, 108 Phillip Street, Bay St. Louis, recently celebrated its grand opening at its new location with a ribbon cutting. The newly remodeled store features gifts for all occasions and offers free gift wrapping. In attendance were Mary Perkins, left, Tad Black, Iva May McDonald, Lisa Coward, Robert Kane, Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, owner Ellen Kane, Chevonne Daigre, Stephanie Luxich, Dusty Rhodes and others.



Echo staff photo by Cecilia Howe

Grand opening

The Loft Studios Frame Shoppe and Art Gallery held its grand opening Thursday at 146 Main Street, Bay St. Louis. In attendance were George Wright, left, Herb Dubulsson Jr., Linda Graffeo, Paula Leoni, owner Donna Davenport, Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, Jay Lagasse and others.

Mississippi Market set for June 8-9

The sixth annual Mississippi Market, hosted by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), will be June 8 and 9 in Jackson.

The event is a wholesale show that allows Mississippi manufacturers, craftsmen, wholesalers and service providers to showcase their products to retail establishments. It provides retailers the convenient opportunity to see a very large selection of products from Mississippi businesses in one location.

Mississippi Market is unique, because it is one event that is suitable for all types of manufacturers, wholesalers and artisans - new and old, large and small.

All Mississippi-based companies with products for re-sale in stores can exhibit, as well as companies with products or services to be used by exhibitors or

retailers.

An added bonus this year is an optional in-depth training session on exhibiting and selling being offered to all registered exhibitors several weeks before the show.

Country Originals of Jackson will be returning this year. Also, many new companies will be present, including fresh, new faces like Pleasant Grove Soaps of Sardis, Stewart Pottery of Taylor and Brintons U.S. Axminster of Greenville. Over 130 exhibitors are expected to participate.

Mississippi Market has nearly tripled in size since its inception in 1996. The number of buyers registered to attend this year is up by 20%; scheduled exhibitors are up by 40%.

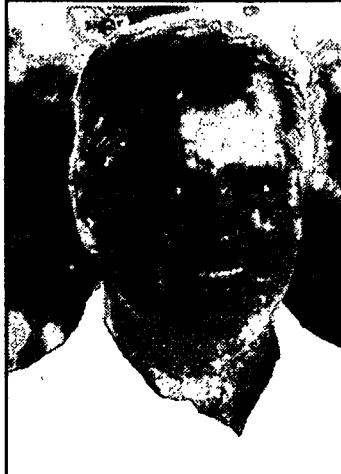
"The numbers are showing a dramatic increase in participation, and there are nearly two months remaining before the

event. We continue to have such a positive response because retailers across the Southeast know this is 'The Place' to find products that are fresh and exciting," commented Jenny Wilkinson, manager of Mississippi Market.

As Wilkinson mentioned, there is still time to register. The early registration deadline is April 16. If exhibitors register on or before this date, the fee is \$200 for a booth.

After April 16, the fee will increase to \$300. Retailers are invited to attend the Market free of charge. However, they are encouraged to pre-register.

For additional information, contact Jenny Wilkinson at 888-886-3323. Also, visit Mississippi Market on the World Wide Web at www.mississippimarket.org.



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COMPANY/SYMBOL	LAST PRICE	WEEKLY CHANGE
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AT & T/T	21.78	+ 1.29
AUTOZONE INC/AZO	29.00	+ .90
BELLSOUTH/BLS	41.00	- .29
BOEING/BA	60.50	+ 4.56
CALGON CARBON/CCC	8.09	+ .03
CHEVRON CORP/CHV	91.80	- 2.58
COCA COLA/KO	44.57	- .43
CSX CORP/CSX	34.15	+ 1.14
DUPONT/DD	45.65	+ 3.21
FRIEDE GOLDMAN HALTER, INC	1.32	- .21
GENERAL ELEC/GE	44.70	+ 3.51
GOODYEAR TIRE/GT	24.24	+ 1.35
HANCOCK HOLDING CO/HBHC	41.20	- .50
INTL BUSINESS MACHINE/IBM	96.20	- 1.75
INTL PAPER CO/IP	36.48	+ 1.98
K MART CORP/KM	8.80	- .24
LOCKHEED MARTIN/LMT	36.65	+ .65
PARK PLACE ENT/PPE	10.30	+ .33
PEOPLES FINANCIAL/PFBX	16.75	- .69
MCDONALDS CORP/MCD	26.89	+ .64
REGIONS FINANCIAL/RGBR	30.34	+ 1.46
ROCKWELL INTL CORP/ROK	42.05	+ 2.80
SOUTHERN COMPANY/SO	22.17	+ .70
TENNECO INC/TEN	2.90	+ .28
UNION PLANTERS/UPC	37.64	- .69
WAL MART STORES/WMT	49.70	- 1.54
WELLMAN INC/WLM	16.95	- .85
WHITNEY HOLDING/WTNY	39.77	+ .33

Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

Bay High grad is National Marketing Teacher of The Year

Sandra Rayborn Gallups, a 1977 Bay High School graduate, was named as the National Marketing Teacher of the Year at the Association for Career and Technical Education Conference in San Diego, Calif., this past December.

The Gallup Marketing Educator of the Year recognizes teachers who have shown exemplary performance in the classroom and in student achievement. It also recognizes teachers who have made significant contributions toward innovative and unique programs.

Gallups teaches marketing and cooperative education at Oak Mountain High School in Birmingham, Ala. She was named as Alabama's Marketing Education Teacher of the Year in 1999 and also received the award as Alabama's Vocational Teacher of the Year for 1999.

She is a 1981 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and holds a master's degree in vocational administration and supervision from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Gallups is the daughter of Talmadge and Rena Jean Rayborn of Waveland.



Gallups

Bank offers check 'bounce' protection

The Peoples Bank has announced the addition of a new service for personal checking customers called "Bounce Protection," effective April 17.

According to Chevis Swetman, president of The Peoples Bank, the overdraft privilege product is designed to help customers avoid the potential embarrassment and added expense of having a check returned to a merchant.

Bounce Protection is not a loan, but a non-contractual courtesy extended to customers with individual or jointly-owned checking accounts in good standing.

The general concept is that, as long as the account is maintained in good standing, the bank may approve overdrafts up to the pre-determined Bounce Protection limit

assigned to the account.

While the customer is still charged the bank's normal insufficient funds "NSF" fee on the overdraft, if the check is paid, the customer is able to avoid the additional charge and embarrassment they would have incurred if the check had been returned to a merchant or business.

The Peoples Bank Marketing Assistant Vice President Jennifer Crane, said the pre-determined limits are based on the type of checking account the customer has. Depending on the type of checking account, Bounce Protection limits are set between \$100 and \$1500.

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Tuesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Wednesday: Grits and Hashbrowns, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Thursday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Friday: Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit, Assorted Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Stromboli, Chicken Sandwich with Trimmings, Black-eyed Peas, Buttered Corn, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Macaroni and Cheese, Devil's Food Delight

Tuesday: Southern Fried Chicken, Hot Pocket, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Buttered Carrots, Chilled Peach Slices, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Yeast Roll

Wednesday: Chicken Pot Pie, Hamburger with Trimmings, Peas and Carrots, French Fries, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple Tidbits, Yeast Roll, Jell-O with Whopped Topping

Thursday: Spaghetti with meat Sauce, Chili Dog, Buttered Corn, Garden Salad with Dressing, Mandarin Fruit Cup, Orange Smiles, Chocolate Pudding, Crackers, Yeast Roll

Friday: Chicken Nuggets, Tuna Salad, Creamed Potatoes, Green Peas, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Yeast Roll

Hancock North Central Gulfview Charles B. Murphy and East Hancock Elementary Schools Served daily: Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments BREAKFAST

Monday: Chicken Pattie Biscuit, Juice

Tuesday: Egg Biscuit, Juice

Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice

Thursday: Ham Biscuit,

Juice

Friday: Cheese Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Chili Cheese Fritos, Shaved Ham and Cheese Pobo, Chef Salad, Spicy Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Raw Veggies, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Tuesday: Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Sloppy Joe, Chef Salad, Parslied Potatoes, Green Peas, Raw Veggies, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Texas Toast, Crackers, Gelatin

Wednesday: Beefy Nachos Grande, Deli Sandwich on Bun, French Fries, Cheesy Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Tropical Apples, Fruit Juice, Peanut Butter Bar

Thursday: Corn Dog Nuggets, Pizza, Tater Tots, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Oatmeal Cookies

Friday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tuna on Bun, Seasoned Green Beans, Broccoli Salad, Baked Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread, Pudding

Hancock High and Middle Schools Served daily: Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments LUNCH

Monday: Chicken Spaghetti, Pizza, Hamburger, Tater Tots, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Pudding

Tuesday: Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Chicken Pattie Sandwich, Chef Salad, Parslied Potatoes, Green Peas, Raw Veggies, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Texas Toast, Crackers, Peanut Butter Bar

Wednesday: Fried Chicken, Cheeseburger, Chef Salad, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Southern Greens, Tossed Salad, Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Gelatin

Thursday: Chili Cheese Frito, Foot-long Hot Dog, Chef Salad, Spicy Fries, Broccoli Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Friday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Shaved Ham and Cheese Pobo, Tuna on Bun, Spicy Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Raw Veggies, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Garlic Rolls, Oatmeal Cookie

All menus subject to change. ###

Facility

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million grant to fund an educational facility at the plant in Waveland.

"In 2003 the new EPA regulations for wastewater treatment will come into effect and all of Mississippi will be required to comply," said Beard. "The facility would be a training and educational center for municipal governments and employees as well as plant operators."

The grants funds would be split between actual physical facilities, such as the building that will house the center, and other needed services, Beard said.

The grant allows for about \$2 million to be spent for the actual physical facilities, he said. The rest of the money could be used for acquisitions such as land, spray fields, right of ways, professional services and planning costs.

This was one of the first board meetings that was attended by a new advisory committee consisting of a representative from each of the county's water districts. Deputy Director of the Gulf of Mexico Program Bryon Griffith suggested that each representative

make a brief report at subsequent meetings to keep board members informed on any new construction in their respective districts. Keeping up with the new construction would help in planning of the proposed new linked wastewater treatment system for the county, Griffith said.

In other business, the board discussed again problems finding interim financing to begin the \$9 million, Phase I project that is the first step to linking wastewater treatment in the county. \$9.5 million in SRF funds are available for the project, but the loan is a reimbursement type loan and the district must come up with interim funds for beginning phases of the project. The board voted to extend Director Gary Beard's contract another month. A new director, New Zealander Stu Craib is expected to take over the position by July 1.

Return to St. Joseph's



Four former students of St. Joseph's Academy, Bay St. Louis, some who were together for five years, recently met at the residence of Claire Templet Whitaker, second from left. The foursome were SJA students completing their sophomore year in 1967 with anticipation of returning for the next school session to be told the school was closing. From there they went their separate ways. Whitaker, who moved to Waveland in 1999, reports that she has on an off searched for school mates and recently made contact with the five. Those in photo are from left, Theda Larson Wright, Altamonte Springs, Fla.; Whitaker; Dee Ann Melancon Orgeron, of Marrero, La.; and Valerie Lloyd Wright, Covington, La. Whitaker said that Madeleine Emmons Haaf of Palm Desert, Calif., and Penny Morel Stockwell of Baton Rouge, are scheduled to join the four for another reunion this summer. SJA day student Shannon Leary Ladner, a member of their class, joined the four for supper. The photo was taken in front of Our Lady of the Gulf's Community Center, which has the old school's statue. Former SJA students who are interested in a reunion can contact Whitaker at 466-2538.

Coast students honored at USMGC Awards Day

Some 80 students from the Mississippi Gulf Coast were recognized at the University of Southern Mississippi's annual Awards Day presentation April 10.

Local students include: -- Stephanie Bruno, of Diamondhead, received the Academic

-- Debra Wilson, of Bay St. Louis, received the Outstanding

-- Ashley Easley, 18, a psychology major from Pass Christian, received membership into Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Easley is the daughter of Nathan and Carol Easley.

-- Greta Echols, a management information systems major from Diamondhead, received the Bill and Sue Pace Annual Scholarship for nontraditional students.

Echols is the daughter of Lawrence Jones.

-- Ellen Felder, an international business major from Waveland, received the USM Foundation British Studies Scholarship for those students wishing to study abroad. Felder is the daughter of Virginia Felder.

-- Ellen Felder, an economics major from Waveland, received the Atley Graham Scholarship, which is awarded to an outstanding senior majoring in economics. Felder is the daughter of Virginia Felder.

-- Elizabeth Armstrong, a mathematics major from Pass Christian, received membership into Lambda Sigma, a leadership honor society. Armstrong is the daughter of John and Donna Armstrong.

-- Maria Koskan, a speech communications major from Waveland, received membership into Phi Eta Sigma and Lambda Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies. Koskan is the daughter of Allen and Irene Koskan.

-- Kerri Jones, a broadcast journalism major from Pass Christian, received membership into Lambda Sigma, a freshman honor society. Jones is the daughter of Robert and Eleanor Jones.

-- Julie Heitzmann, a nursing

major from Bay Saint Louis, received the Spirit of Nursing Award, the National Collegiate Nursing Award and was recognized as a member of the dean's list and Who's Who. Heitzmann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Heitzmann.

-- Kelly Roth, a string performance major from Waveland, received the Elmo and Mary Glenn Harrison Guitar Scholarship which is awarded to a guitar major in good academic standing and the Fine Arts Scholarship and Development Fund for students in the College of the Arts. Roth is the daughter of Earl and Myra Roth.

-- Jason Strawley, a music industry major from Diamondhead, received the Elmo and Mary Glenn Harrison Guitar Scholarship which is awarded to a guitar major in good academic standing and the Fine Arts Scholarship and Development Fund for students in the college of the Arts. Strawley is the son of Nancy Spencer.

-- Kevin Estrade, a theater-acting major from Bay Saint Louis, received the Garland Williams Sullivan Endowment Scholarship which is awarded to a capable and deserving student in the College of the Arts. Estrade is the son of Mel and Sue Estrade.

-- Angela Brocato, a dance education major from Bay Saint Louis, received the Weezie Ory Myers Dance Scholarship which

provides an annual scholarship to a student in dance. Brocato is the daughter of Roy and Sue Brocato.



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Favre -- candidate's comments

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challenge for the benefit of our constituents. Fiscal responsibility and management has always been the hallmark of the Favre Administration and for twelve years my management of the city's finances has been supported by three different City Councils.

2. What major capital improvement projects should the city undertake now that the three large drainage projects have been completed?

Your question ignores the fact that we have been doing more than drainage projects during the last four years. We developed our PLAN and have been working our PLAN for six years to provide our citizens with the things that are important to their quality lifestyle in Bay St. Louis such as the sports complex for children, a new senior center, rebuilding the Ulman Avenue Pier into the beautiful Jimmy Rutherford fishing pier, purchasing and restoring the historic depot property - not just drainage.

It was a major project to do the work necessary to give our citizens insurance relief by achieving our Class 5 fire rating and our Class 7 community rating system designation. The preparation work needed to achieve this success was a part of the overall PLAN and the cost to citizens - nothing. Citizens can look forward to my commitment to completing our PLAN bringing drainage relief to each district in the final major and minor projects on the drawing board now. Still on the list are the sidewalk and street projects. We will complete our PLAN and find a way to completion with no tax increase.

3. What can the city do to offset the loss of major businesses, such as West Building Supply, DeRussy Motors and the vacant grocery store in the Zuppardo Shopping Center?

DeRussy Motors is now occupied by Champion Motors. We are confident of their success. Our staff began the search for a new building occupant as soon as the DeRussy move was announced.

We were sorry that the West Building Corporation had financial setbacks that resulted in the closing of most of their South Mississippi stores. National competition reduced their niche marketing, this was not just one business in the Bay. However their closure has helped Bailey Lumber Company stabilize itself in the local market and returned many customers to one of Bay St. Louis' oldest businesses, McDonald Lumber and Hardware.

Residents must remember that their city services are provided in part by sales taxes, which illustrates why they need to shop at home. Shopping at home is a citizen's opportunity to help Bay St. Louis remain stable and progressive.

Zuppardo Shopping Center has given us great opportunity - not great loss. We recovered Sears and gained an entire new group of small businesses because of the center expansion and rehabilitation.

Staff members are working with Center owners to attract two very different businesses to the vacant location. Either business would be great for the city and its sales tax collections.

Business is not bad in Bay St. Louis as your question implied. Our tax structure is the most favorable in the state for development. Current zoning limits our development areas and some growth opportunities.

Citizens need to know that Sales tax revenue has increased 112% since I came to the Mayor's office in 1989. Of the 112% total a 27% increase occurred during the last four years. Most of this sales tax increase is due to our largest industry - tourism - an industry we will be giving much more attention.

Bay St. Louis is business healthy with few vacancies and new businesses are being built or opening every day in every business sector. Our staff continually looks for the right business for the right property. We want business that adds to the

quality of our lives, presents no environmental risks, offers employee benefits, and is a good corporate citizen.

4. Are the city's water, sewer and gas facilities adequate to accommodate Casino Magic's planned expansion or would utilities need to be upgraded? Would it also require more fire department equipment and manpower?

Bay St. Louis kept Casino Magic expansion in mind when developing our PLAN. Natural gas and water supplies are more than adequate and only minor upgrades need to be made to the lift stations to move sewage to the treatment plant.

The Bay St. Louis Fire Department after review with the State Rating Bureau, has adequate equipment to service the Casino Magic development. The water support upgrades included in our PLAN meet Class 4 requirements.

Casino Magic must adhere to all International Codes covering building and related trades and National Fire Protection Association codes and our building department has worked with their engineers to meet and exceed all existing codes enforced by the City of Bay St. Louis. We would not risk our Fire or Community Rating System designations for one local customer.

Growth throughout the community, not just Casino Magic, will require our Fire Department to grow. We want to build a sub-station north of Highway 90. We want to have a ladder truck in our fleet. We want to do lots of things that will offer even more protection and we will, when the time is right and after we complete our PLAN.

5. What are your plans for dealing with unlawful drugs and disruptive behavior in the city?

A small town police department has limited manpower, but a small town has lots of citizens who can contribute to the elimination of crime. The public often rejects pro-active policing. Only cooperation and support of local police activities by citizens will give this community the success it desires.

Bay St. Louis has two full-time officers assigned to the Hancock County Drug Task Force. This group has had exceptional success in curbing the sale of drugs in Bay St. Louis. This combined effort of officers and equipment works well, especially when citizens cooperate with tips and a willingness to serve as witnesses.

One officer, an analyst and secretary are assigned to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency. This coast wide effort provides information, enforcement and other specialized assistance on a daily basis.

The public must know that our police officers cannot be in every area every minute, but respond to calls as quickly as possible. When called about disruptive behavior they respond and issue citations or arrest offenders as the law allows.

These officers must use reasonable judgment that the violation requires one of these actions. They walk a fine line in each neighborhood and someone is always going to be unhappy, but knowing that they have citizen support to handle these situations is best for everyone.

Police cannot raise Bay St. Louis children. Parents must be responsible for teaching proper behavior and issuing discipline before police need to be involved.

Police cannot change the learned behavior of teenagers and adults. People have a personal responsibility to not offend this community. When they do our officers will respond. It is their duty to serve and protect.

To encourage this citizen participation we will continue our energetic efforts to revitalize Neighborhood Watch throughout the city. Citizens will be able to participate in training seminars that will better equip them to be pro-active in improving their neighborhood safety in cooperation and support of police efforts.

Our school-based partnership with the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District has been a huge success in providing one of the safest public school systems in the state. We were fully one year ahead of all other schools in the state.

Our school system plan is so impressive that we have been invited to share our plans with other state systems. This partnership will continue. Two full time police officers are assigned to school campuses.

6. Why should Bay St. Louis citizens vote for you?

I have made one promise to the citizens of Bay St. Louis since my first campaign - to provide progress with preservation and protection. This promise has been fulfilled day after day, week after week, year after year for twelve years.

In 1989, when I first became Mayor, Bay St. Louis certainly had no wealth, but still we found ways to provide services, reduce utility rates, and establish this city as A Place Apart. That slogan and my promise became the guide for all of our work to date - maintaining our individuality as a city and accomplishing our tasks with fiscal responsibility.

Progress - you got it and it's still going! Take a good look at Bay St. Louis. Look how it's changed over the last twelve years. The downtown district is thriving. The Depot district is back from the grave, Ulman Avenue businesses are growing well with their residential counterparts with the spectacular city pier at Beach Blvd. and the Library at Highway 90. The Highway 90 corridor is almost full to capacity.

If there was no confidence in our administration no one would have invested in part of the millions that have been spent on businesses in our community. Over \$7 million in private investment has occurred in the revitalization of the Depot district alone.

Children and their families can enjoy the seven baseball fields, two rehabilitated softball fields and new municipal football/soccer field. Families can enjoy the safety and activities of our citywide park system, public piers and a new sand beach.

Seniors can enjoy the companionship and safety of their new center. Everyone enjoys the restored Depot and its public activities with the opportunity for private function use at a reasonable fee.

Public service is at its highest level in the last fifty years. Citizens have enjoyed this progress with virtually no cost to them.

We need to finish what we have started. We must keep the momentum for progress going - and not raise our taxes! I can do this with citizen support and votes.

Preservation - It's all around you! This city made a major commitment to preserving what makes Bay St. Louis A Place Apart - and its not just buildings, but an attitude and the generous nature of its citizens.

We have put our money where it is needed to preserve the historic City Hall and park on Second Street, the Depot and its historic grounds. Both buildings are Mississippi Landmark buildings and listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings survey for Bay St. Louis.

Without a preservation ordinance we have worked with citizens and investors to not disrupt the unique quality of our building stock. We look forward to insuring the success of preservation with our first comprehensive preservation ordinance now that City Council has finally adopted a comprehensive plan.

People are happy in Bay St. Louis. They are happy because they have jobs, growing businesses, and a beautiful environment. This happiness and satisfaction has been my top priority as mayor.

I took the financial worries of high taxes and utilities off

citizen shoulders. This financial freedom and confidence in my financial leadership helped make the decision to pass a \$20 million school bond issue much easier.

We need to finish what we have started. We must keep the momentum for progress going - and not raise our taxes! I can do this with citizen support and votes.

Protection - we do our best everyday! Our crime rate is very low. Our fire department is second to no department in the state. Our utility rates are the lowest on the coast. Our property inventory is one of the highest for city's our size, our infrastructure will see us through to 2025.

Citizens don't pay for fire, police, public works or administrative services. Corporate franchise fees, sales tax and our casino agreement pay for those services. We have not only protected you, your family, and your property - but also your wallet.

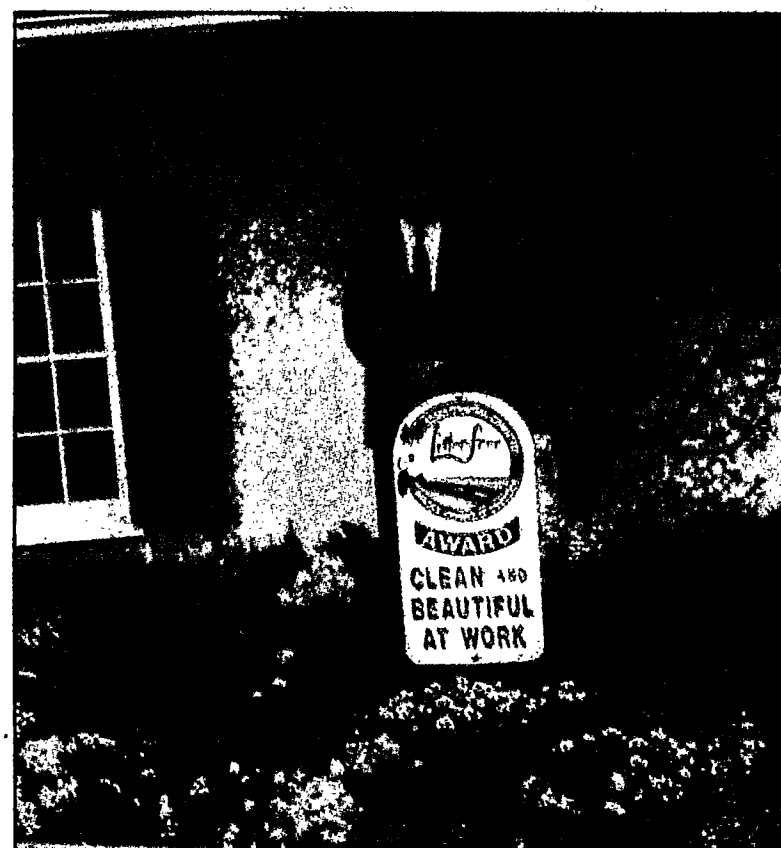
When you get your tax bill read it well. You pay five mills to Bay St. Louis and of those five mills three support our library system and two support parks and recreation.

My success in fulfilling my promise was gained by having the right staff mix and sound financial management skills. I have the education and experience to continue the progress with preservation and protection, but more importantly I love this city with an affection that cannot be matched.

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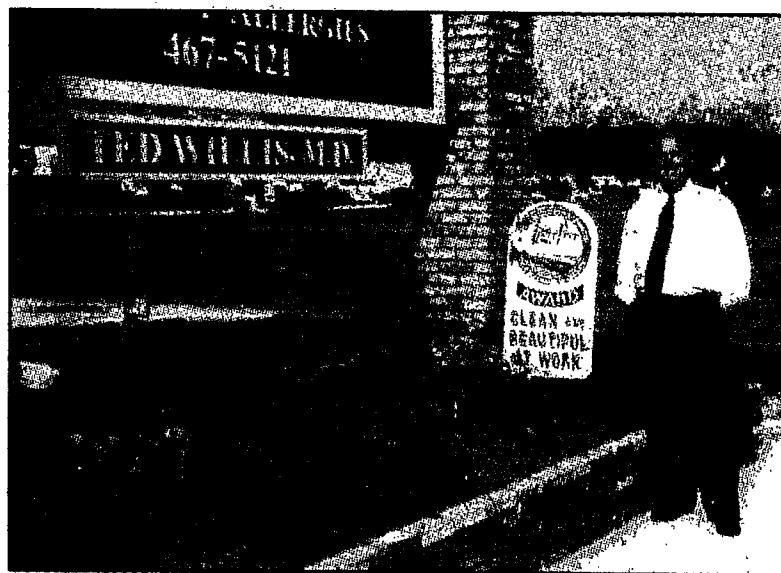
I ask for the support of the people of Bay St. Louis on May 1 and I promise to return the support with progress with preservation and protection. You know that I will keep this promise and together we can keep the momentum going!

Clean & Beautiful



Echo staff photos by Ellis C. Cuevas

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee selected Hancock Bank's Highway 90, Bay St. Louis and Ted Willis' Clinic as the committee's recipient of the Clean & Beautiful At Work award for the month of April. Top photo, Hancock Bank branch manager John P. Baxter admires one of several flower beds in full bloom at the west end of the Bay 90 branch. Bottom photo, Ted Willis, MD, poses with the sign in front of his new ear, nose & throat clinic on Drinkwater Road, Bay St. Louis. Dr. Willis' office has a patio on each side planted shrubs along with palm trees to give a tropical look.



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Burgundy Loropetalum wins Ms. medallion



Southern Gardening

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Landscapers and homeowners are always looking for what is new and outstanding in shrub selection, and this year's Mississippi Medallion winner fits that category. The plant is the Burgundy Loropetalum.

This is a great new shrub in the witch hazel family. You might ask yourself, wasn't there a white-flowered loropetalum? There is, and at the risk of offending either nurserymen or gardeners who have them, I will say I have never seen one that I thought was attractive.

On the other hand, the Burgundy variety is among the showiest shrubs in the spring and summer landscape. Red loropetalums are fairly new to the United States, and now is a great time to plant some.

One of the Burgundy Loropetalum's excellent landscape qualities is its evergreen foliage that is an unusual copper-burgundy color that matures to an olive burgundy-green.

This is a low growing shrub that can be kept around 6 feet tall and 5 feet wide, forming a mound. Or you can let it be natural, where it will reach close to 12 feet in height with an 8-foot spread.

There have been records of some reaching 14 feet in height. This would mean that we have the possibility of developing a small tree that would have the color of the purple leaf plum except it would bloom periodically and stay evergreen.

You might want to try them like you would a barberry.

GARDEN--PAGE 4B

Young at Heart

Seniors from around the country compete and win at the USTA Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships in Diamondhead

Words and photos by
Liz Wagner Maio



Suzanne Ryerson Wins National Senior Women's 70's Singles

Left: Al Cronvich, Diamondhead POA, presents Suzanne Ryerson of Broadrun, Va., the 70's Singles trophy, watch and check for her win over Olga Mahaney of San Diego, Ca., 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Southern Elegance

Al Cronvich, Diamondhead POA, presented the trophies, the checks, and the watches to Mildred Southern for her wins in both the 80's Singles and Doubles competitions, an amazing feat for someone at any age.



Two Local Ladies Take in the Tennis in Style

Iva Mae McDonald, Bay St. Louis, and Helen Mastayner, Diamondhead, had breakfast at Diamondhead Country Club to watch the USTA Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships. They took a seat in the shade and enjoyed the 60's singles final between Charleen Hillebrand and Sinclair Bill. Hillebrand and Bill have played many times since they were in the 35's and Bill took the first set of her life off Hillebrand at Diamondhead Tennis World. Hillebrand has been a World Champion many times - when she played the 40's in doubles, in the 50's singles twice, and once in the 55's. She said she's just come off three bad years and feels she's back on track and winning again. Hillebrand and several other players are headed to New Zealand to play some international competition.



Charleen Hillebrand Wins 60's Singles and Doubles

Charleen Hillebrand, San Pedro, Ca., defeated Sinclair Bill, Santa Barbara, Ca., 4-6, 6-1, 7-5. Hillebrand went on to win the doubles with her partner, Suella Steel, of La Jolla, Ca., 6-2, 6-3 over Sinclair Bill and Peggy Omohundro, of Franklin.



Mildred Southern Wins 80's Singles and Doubles

Mildred Southern, Winston-Salem, NC, shows an important characteristic of champions - early preparation for the ball. Southern won the 80's Singles title in a long three-setter 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 over Muriel Bard, Laguna Hills, CA. Southern partnered with Mary Mentzer of Fort Myers, FL, to a 6-2, 6-3 win over Alice Jones of Melbourne, FL, and Jean Selvig of Milton, VT., in the 80's Doubles competition.

Inside a house on Easterbrook

... They call her "Teeny" because she is but five feet tall and then she has to be standing in shoes with thick heels. She weighs less than a hundred pounds and carries in those less than hundred pounds all the days of her century and then some years ...

Celestine Labat.

It's a nice name and it seemed to fit the small baby born in the Bay on a warm November day in 1898. In a way she was lucky. The house where she was born had originally been a small three-room cottage with a detached kitchen.

Her father had bought it some ten years before for \$35 and, being a carpenter with a growing family, had enlarged it to almost twice its size by the time Celestine was born.



Celestine "Teeny" Labat

Celestine was one of 13 children, 11 of whom would grow up and form the core of a family that would become as valuable an asset to Bay St. Louis as any of the earlier Bay families.

Today, the roll call of Labats includes prominent educators,

businessmen, doctors, lawyers and even an astronaut. Of the 11 children, six would obtain college degrees and all would pass on their work ethics to their children and their children's children.

But it's Celestine we are talking about.

Celestine. It is a nice name, but they call her "Teeny" because she is but five feet tall and then she has to be standing in shoes with thick heels. She weighs less than a hundred pounds and carries in those less than hundred pounds all the days of her century plus years.

The years are all there, layered in the stories that unfold with a soft rhythm as she speaks. You can sit and talk to her and she will give you some of her raisin and pecan cake and tell you stories ... Sit. Sit and lis-

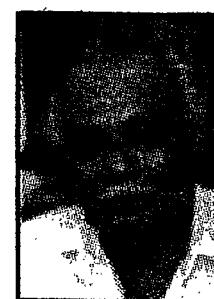
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Celestine Labat.

"We used to have a house on Felicity Street on the beach. I loved it 'cause my sister Portia taught me to swim. On Sundays, Portia would get us all dressed up to meet the people that would come on the train from New Orleans for the day. She made our clothes and would make sure we look all clean and bright and neat for our friends that would come ..."

Portia is gone now, but she is still there, one of the many whispers in the cottage where Celestine and her sister, Veronica, a young octogenarian live by themselves.

Portia is a strong whisper, a powerful presence, heavily influencing many of the stories of their growing up in a small coastal town on a large shallow



Views From a Front Porch

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bay of the Mississippi Sound.

So is Inez, the oldest sister who became the matriarch of the 11 children born in the small house. Inez, whose bronze bust created by James Richard Barthe, sits in a small front room filled with hundred-year-old furniture. She's there, too.

And so are others, sit and wait they will come.

Look around. Knock on a piece of molding or some of the imposing furniture. Wait a bit and a story will come walking out dressed in the clothes of another time, a time that we will never really know as well as we do when we hear the words and the music in the words that

are in the stories that Celestine tell.

Celestine Labat.

"... We got those dishes from a family as partial payment for a house that daddy built. They serve twelve, so we can't get them all in the one cabinet. Those are the nicest pieces ..."

They're English Spode, more than a hundred years old, and their blue glaze is lovely. The cabinet they're in is also nice. And so are the two four-poster beds that the sisters sleep in. They have their own rooms now that everyone else has gone from the old house.

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Entertainment

Terry Stokes Jr. gives hypnotic performance at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis every Monday

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Comedy Hypnotist, Terry Stokes, Jr. is spellbinding audiences every Monday night at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. His free shows start at 8 p.m. in the main lobby now through May.

"I have certainly been blessed," says Stokes, reflecting back on the nine years since he took to the stage in pursuit of his dreams. In 1991, after 19 years searching for each other, Terry reunited with his father, world-renowned hypnotist Terry Stokes. Terry spent the next year studying the trade and falling in love with the entertainment business. In December of 1992, "HYPNOLARIOUS" was born.

While carrying on his father's trade, love of the stage and audience, and tradition of excellence, Terry developed his own unique brand of comedy hypnosis. In addition to the influences of his father, Terry was fortunate to have as a manager, teacher, and friend, Robert Webb Morton. Webb's ideals continue to be a source of guidance even since his passing in 1997.

It is the influence and wisdom of these show business veterans that left Terry with a solid foundation and sense of tradition not often found in entertainers of his generation.

Performing worldwide to sold out and capacity crowds, his genuine love of the audience has made Terry one of America's favorite hypnotists. As Hypnolarius has grown in popularity, Terry has grown professionally, spending countless hours studying behavior modification and motivational tech-



Terry Stokes

niques. Today, Terry Stokes, Jr.'s HYPNOLARIOUS has become the standard by which all other shows are judged, and he has become one of the most talked about and sought after entertainers in the business.

As others rest on their laurels, HYPNOLARIOUS continues to strive to keep the material fresh, current, and topical. The futures plans include just that; cutting edge entertainment, plus the continued development of Terry's acclaimed self-help programs. A new infomercial, along with the groundbreaking program, "Dreaming With Your Eyes Open," are now in production. Additionally, Terry heads the entertainment services company he founded, Legacy Entertainment Group, based in Gulfport, Mississippi.

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A 55-foot carved and gilded royal gondola and the royal carriage of Fernando VII are the largest objects in The Majesty of Spain: Royal Collections from the Museo del Prado & Patrimonio Nacional Exhibition.

The first objects to arrive at the Mississippi Arts Pavilion, the carriage and gondola are so large that they had to be installed before walls could be built around them.

Although it is usually referred to as "the gondola of Felipe V," the beautifully carved and gilded gondola was built during the reign of Carlos II, which would place its date of construction some time before 1668, making it the oldest object in the exhibition.

During the 17th century, it was used by Carlos II on the lake at Buen Retiro in Madrid. In 1725 it was sent to Felipe V at the Royal Palace of La Granja, where he used it for sailing on the lake there. Made of intricately carved wood, it is covered with decorations of sea nymphs, tritons, and other mythical creatures.

Especially for the exhibition, the Patrimonio Nacional restored both the gondola and the carriage before they were shipped to Mississippi. The new 22-carat gold leaf for the gondo-

la alone cost \$100,000, and the three-month restoration required the skilled craftsmanship of 20 artisans.

The royal carriage is not nearly as old as the gondola, dating from 1832. It is exquisitely decorated with gilded bronze, crystal, precious stones, and other materials. It is displayed realistically with eight life-like horses, livery, bridles, and reins, as well as a driver and footmen.

Like the gondola and much of the artwork in the exhibition, the carriage is decorated with mythological scenes. Subject matter of the scenes include the Greek deities Diana and Apollo, as well as the monster Medusa. On top of the carriage is a royal crown, decorated with laurels and fleur-de-lis.

The Majesty of Spain Exhibition is organized by the Patrimonio Nacional, the Museo del Prado, and the Ministerio de Educación y Cultura de España, in association with the Mississippi Commission for International Cultural Exchange, Inc. (MCICE). The exhibition has been designated the "2001 Top United States Event" by the American Bus Association (ABA).

Individual tickets for The Majesty of Spain Exhibition may be purchased by calling TicketMaster toll-free at 1-877-

709-2639 and at all TicketMaster outlets. In Mississippi, tickets may also be purchased in Jackson, Biloxi, Tupelo, and Vicksburg at area Be-Bop Record Shops.

All tickets are for a specific time and date. Advance tickets are strongly recommended. Admission prices are: Adults: \$15; Seniors: (60+) \$14; College/University students (with I.D.): \$10; Children/Youth (infants - 18 years of age) \$5.

Group sales (20 or more) are available by calling 601-960-9900 or toll-free 800-960-9900. Group rates are: Adults: \$13; Students (to age 18): \$3.

For additional information call 601-960-9900, fax 601-960-

9950, write to The Majesty of Spain Exhibition, P.O. Box 2447, Jackson, MS, USA 39225-2447, or visit the exhibition website at www.majestyofspain.com. The Mississippi Arts Pavilion is located at the corner of Lamar and Court streets in downtown Jackson.

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Weddings & Engagements



Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lee III

Lee-Cuevas exchange vows

Shelly Renee Cuevas of Kiln and Leroy Lafayette Lee III, also of Kiln, were united in marriage March 24, 2001 in St. Matthew the Apostle Church in Perkinston with Father Ivan Weis officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Leona Cuevas of Kiln, and the groom's parents are Leroy L. Lee Jr. and Mildred Lee of Kiln. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

For the occasion she selected a gown embellished with pearls and lace featuring a semi-cathedral-length train. Maid of honor was Stacey Lynn Cuevas. Bridesmaids included Kimberlee Marie, Elisha Lee, Lana Cuevas, Joley Slay, Kerra

Ladner, Hope Trosclair, Jennifer Honnell and Cammie Cuevas. Flower girls were Katlyn Ladner and Amber Slay, and ring bearer was Jesse Bowen. Junior bride was Tanae Ladner, and junior groom was Brandon Lee. Best man was Joshua Lee, and ushers included Jerry Ulrich, Donnie Nicaise, Kacey Cuevas, Kerry Cuevas, Leroy Cospelich, Jake Cospelich, Tyler Larsen, Eugene Cuevas and Jason Cospelich. A reception followed the ceremony in the VFW Hall in Kiln.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted in St. Matthew the Apostle Church Hall in Perkinston.

The couple will reside in Kiln.

Fine-Gex to join in marriage

Evans and JoAnn Fine of Brentwood, Tenn. announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Gail Fine to Correy Woodruff Gex, son of Joseph and Virginia Gex of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is a Brentwood High School graduate. She attended the University of Mississippi and played softball for Ole Miss from 1996-99. She was graduated cum laude with a BS degree

in computer science. She is employed with FedEx Corporation in Collierville, Tenn.

The prospective groom is a St. Stanislaus graduate and attends the University of Mississippi where he played football from 1996-99 and was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He will graduate May 12, 2001.

The marriage will take place May 19, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in Brentwood United Methodist Church.



Amanda Fine and Correy Gex

Freret-Dedeaux engaged

Robert and Frances Freret of Saucier announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin M. Freret of Hattiesburg, to Dirk D. Dedeaux, son of Lester Billy and Janice Dedeaux, all of the Sellers community.

The bride-elect is a senior at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg where she will graduate in December with a bachelor's degree in finance and real estate. She is employed with Read's Jewelers in Hattiesburg.

Her grandparents are Pearl Freret of Saucier, Claude and Gussie Jarrell of Gulfport and Cora Lee Riles.

The future groom is a 1994 graduate of Mississippi College where he received a bachelor of science degree in political science and a bachelor of arts degree in modern languages.

He is employed with Appliance Parts Co. in Gulfport and with the Mississippi House of Representatives.

Vows will be exchanged May 26, 2001, at Bible Baptist Church in Gulfport.



Christine Benvenuti and David DeBlanc Jr.

Benvenuti-DeBlanc Jr. to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Benvenuti of Bay St. Louis, announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Elizabeth, to David Paul DeBlanc Jr. of Bay St. Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. David P. DeBlanc Sr. of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vega of Valrico, Florida. The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Bay High

School and is currently attending Mississippi State University. The future groom is a 1997 graduate of St. Stanislaus and a President's Scholar in chemical engineering at Mississippi State University.

The wedding will take place June 23 at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

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Births

PEYTON DANE COOL

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robert Cool, Jr. of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their third child, Peyton Dane, April 4, 2001 at 9:33 p.m. at Garden Park Hospital.

He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

Mrs. Cool is the former Alicia Roberta Jablonowski.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Adam Robert Jablonowski of Harper Woods, Mich.

Paternal grandmother is Linda Cool of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Helen Jablonowski of Pontiac, Mich. and Frances Bertin of Lake Worth, Fla.

Peyton Dane is welcomed by sisters Savannah Morgan and Catherine Victoria.

BROWN

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Edward Brown of Gulfport announce the birth of their second child, Emily Rosa-Lane, February 9, 2001 at 5:06 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Mrs. Brown is the former August Marie Dalleo.

Maternal grandparents are Sherry Lane Johnson of Houston, Texas and Salvatore Dalleo of Slidell.

Paternal grandparents are Rosaline Brown and Edward Brown of Pass Christian.

Great-grandparents include Mary and Charles Nelson and Sylvia and Monte Richards.

Emily is welcomed by her sister, Kelli.

MICHAEL DALTON NETTO

Michael Netto and Vickie Furey of Pearlinton announce the birth of their second child, Michael Dalton, Feb. 1, 2001 at 11:26 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are James and Sandra Bennett of Pearlinton.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Roy Netto Sr. of Lafayette and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Thigpen of Picayune.

Great-grandparents include Betty Kirkhard of Florida, Ella Netto and Elise Welch, both of Bay St. Louis.

Dalton is welcomed by his

sister, Samantha.

ARIELLE DANIELLE SCHWARTZ

Tracy Schwartz of Bay St. Louis announces the birth of a daughter, Arielle Danielle, Jan. 17, 2001 at 4:51 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Grandparents are Herbert, Kathleen and Mary Schwartz of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Lillian Carver of Pass Christian and Louise and Nicholas Schwartz of Bay St. Louis.

KAYSEA SHAE O'NEAL

Robert and Tracy O'Neal of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Kaysea Shae, March 1, 2001 at 12:44 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Thomas Parker and Dorothy Parker of Baton Rouge.

Paternal grandparents are Ernie and Angie O'Neal of Baton Rouge.

Great-grandparents include Thomas and Maurine Parker and Pauline Patterson, also of Baton Rouge.

Kaysea is welcomed by her sister, Tori.

ETIENNE WILLIAM LANEUX

Kendrick and Geanette Laneux of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Etienne William, April 2, 2001 at 7:08 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12

ounces.

Mrs. Laneux is the former Geanette Prater.

Maternal grandparents are Donald and Ratchani Prater of Orlando, Fla.

Paternal grandmother is Eliska Laneaux of Pass Christian.

Great-grandparents include Irene Laneaux of Bay St. Louis and Donald William, Sr. of Fayetteville, W.V.

SLADE DRAVEN BOUDREAUX

Jorey Boudreaux and Stacey Head of Kiln announce the birth of a son, Slade Draven, March 23, 2001 at 9:54 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Ronald Harris of St. Augustine, Fla. and Bobby and Alice VanLieu of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Murphy and Peggy Ledet of Houma and the late Danny Boudreaux.

Great-grandparents include Louise Harris of St. Augustine, the late Lonnie Harris, and the late Morris and Barbara Boudreaux.

Slade is welcomed by brother Dylan and sister Raven.

CORY JOSEPH VITTUR

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vittur of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a son, Cory Joseph,

March 14, 2001 at 9:51 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Vittur is the former Kim Davis of Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Trish Lawson of San Antonio, Texas, and John Gipson of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandmother is Mary Kay Fischer of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandmother is Jenny Bordelon of Ansley.

Corey is welcomed by sisters Nicole, Janet, Ashley and Angel.

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Views -- Teeny Labat

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Her father was what today we would call a contractor, and he built a great many of the area's houses and churches of the time, including St. Rose de Lima. St. Rose is just a few blocks away from the house and is one of those pleasant places to visit that both relaxes a person's spirit and body.

Much of the furniture, like the china, was given to her father as payment for work that he did. They form odd groupings. Some are massive, some delicate. They mix in various groupings about the house.

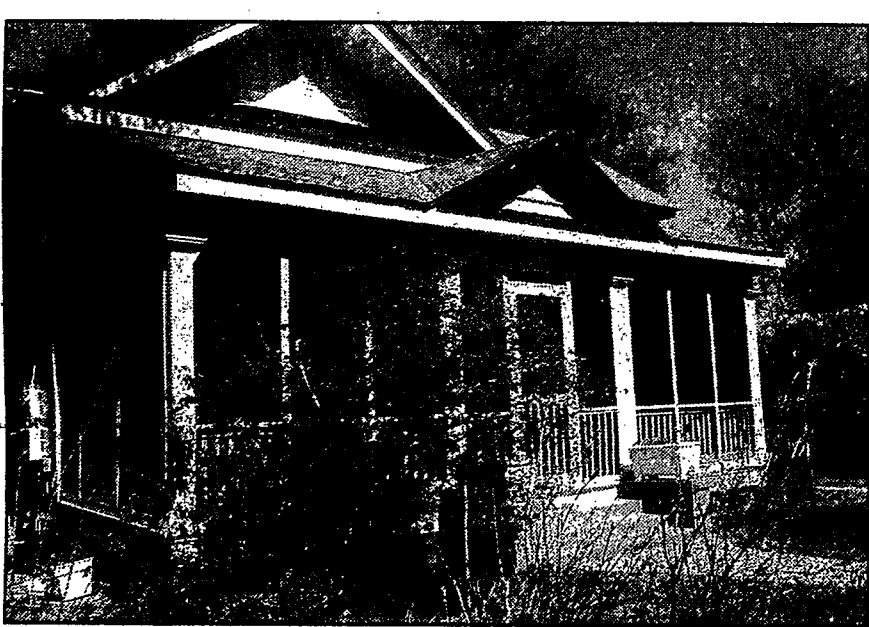
One of the four posters is huge and didn't fit the slant in the ceiling of the room it is in, and the posts have been cut to adjust to the ceiling's heights. No matter, it looks nice there.

Celestine Labat.

"... that big wardrobe. We used to play hide-and-seek and hide in the clothes in there. You could get more than one of us in there ...

Celestine hasn't spent all of her life in Bay St. Louis. She's traveled, getting a bachelor of science degree in Washington, DC. She taught science for many years spending some of this time in Vicksburg.

But now she lives in the small house on Easterbrook, next to a small cleaners run by her grandnephews, and about a block north of the train depot. A useful walking distance, if the



Celestine "Teeny" Labat's family home on Easterbrook St. in Bay St. Louis. Echo file photo

New Orleans local still ran.

"... We had a horse and a cow and chickens out there in the back and a pig that they killed by piercing its heart to make blood sausage. They dressed it on the dining room table. I never could eat pork after that..."

With its furniture and age, the house stands among the many old houses as almost a museum and, in fact, is on the National Register of Historical Places. But the building, the grounds, the furniture are more than that. Together they form a place that was, and is, her family's home, a place where she

was born, a place where she now lives and gardens. They form a place in which she can sit with her sister on the front porch, happy to see visitors and talk or be inside and bake.

And for us who live here with her in the small town on the shallow bay of the Mississippi Sound, she is a hidden door, a secret mirror, a magic book to another time.

But many of us find that, beyond all of these wonders, she is a lovely, wonderful person.

"... Did you like the cake? I made it just today." Celestine Labat.

Garden

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Plant some large hollies as the background, then a group of loropetalums and some ground-cover juniper in the foreground. They also work well in combination with azaleas.

Among the best features of the Burgundy Loropetalums are the gorgeous hot-pink flowers. The pink-to-red flowers appear heavily in the spring and again several times throughout the year. Their petals look like little fingers.

The Burgundy Loropetalum prefers full sun, but can tolerate partial shade. Plant in well-drained, organic-rich beds that are slightly acidic.

I like to emphasize the part about planting in beds. Whether planting loropetalums or any other shrub, put them in a bed instead of sticking them in a patch of turf.

The Burgundy Loropetalum is an environmentally-friendly plant, as it is not known to have any serious pests. The idea of putting a \$5 plant in a \$10 planting hole has merit when planting your loropetalum.

Dig your hole two to three times as wide as the root ball and plant at the same depth

that it is growing in its container. Backfill with the soil dug from the hole.

Successful establishment of new shrubs and trees in the landscape often depends on planting technique and care. This is your only chance to get your new plant off to a good start. Just like in a container where we usually find successful plants growing, our shrub bed should be well-drained to moist, with loose, nutrient- and humus-rich soil, and with a layer of mulch added to prevent loss of moisture, deter weeds and moderate winter temperatures.

The Burgundy Loropetalum is becoming recognized as an outstanding plant all across the Southeast. If you plant some, you will see why it was chosen as a Mississippi Medallion award winner.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154.

Party at Waveland Library

Spring Gardening will be the theme for the Pajama Party Bedtime Story Hour on Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at the Waveland Library Literacy Center.

Mary Ellen Schaeffer will tell read the book, Mrs. Rose's Garden.

The program, sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, is designed for children four to eight and their parents.

While children attend the story hour, guest speakers present programs designed to encourage parents and caregivers to share the joy of reading with their children.

Children and their parents and caregivers are urged to wear their pajamas to the story hour.

More information on the program is available by contacting Donna Hutchings at the Waveland Library Literacy Center at 467-9240.

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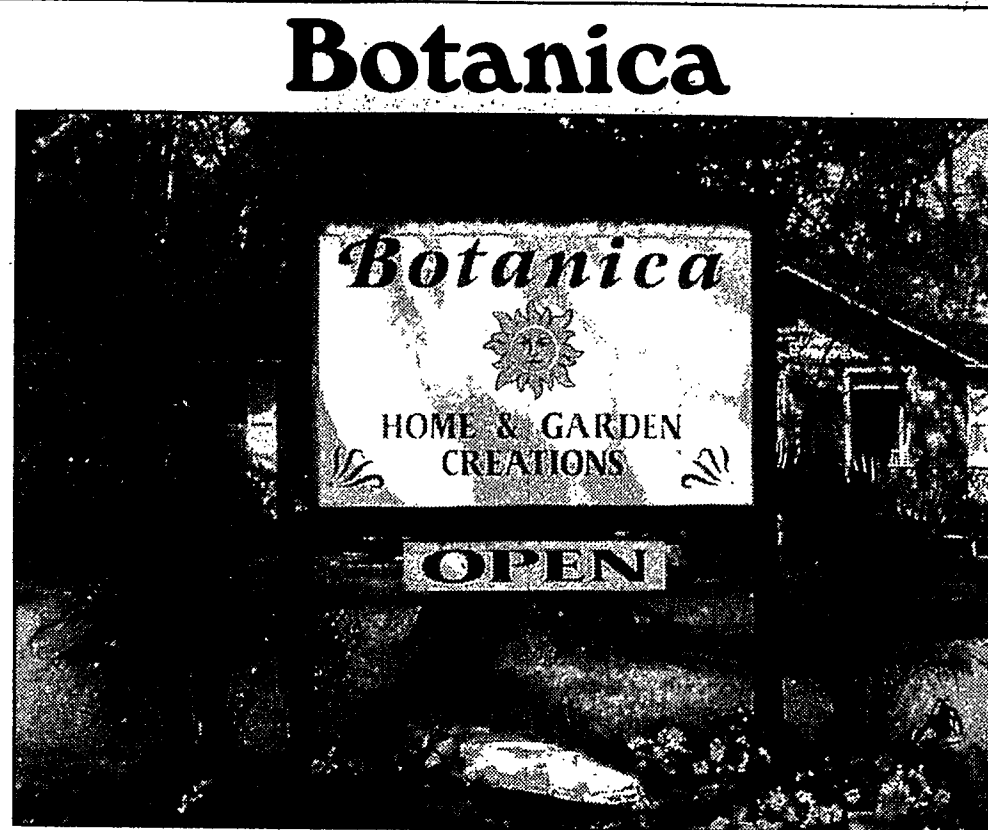
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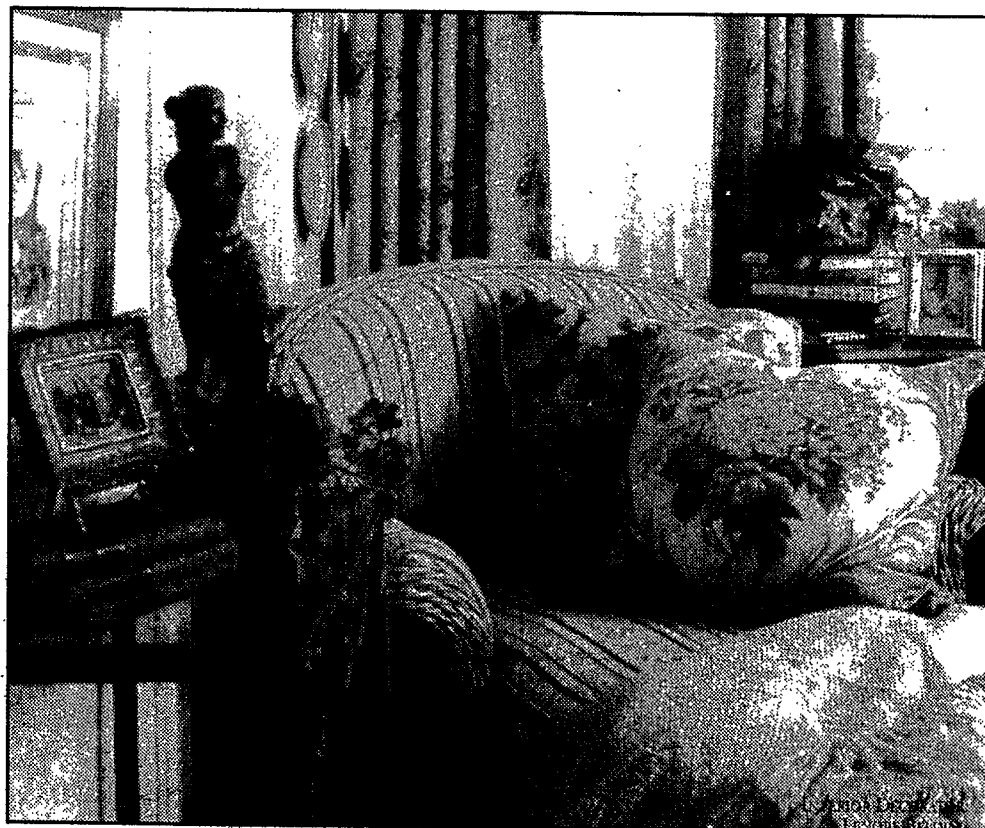
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REFLECTIONS
ON LIFEBy Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVDWhat drives you
every moment?

An otherwise Mr. Nice Guy type of athlete, Tiger Woods, despite his big, appealing eyes, is a deadly competitor flushed with killer instinct as soon as the ball is on the tee. Untold millions of us, many casual rather than true fans, found the 2001 Masters TV spectacle of the Tiger at work irresistible.

Driving, scrambling, clawing and putting his way around golf-dom's jewel in Augusta, the Tiger went toe to toe with Phil Mickelson and David Duval, the world's two next-best golfers, until his sheer skill and will to win wore down their nerves, their resolve and finally their confidence and game.

If we searched the all-time chronicles of sports for the two top athletes who were heart-and-soul committed to whatever work and training necessary, to an every-

thing-else-exclusive focus, to an ongoing effort to reach ever higher, and to an uncompromising killer instinct, we would have to name Tiger Woods and Michael Jordan.

Which strikes a responsive chord in every one of us regarding our own motivation in life. What, really, drives you from moment to moment? Put more pointedly, what is the ultimate, the strongest, the most meaningful motivation which drives you to do the difficult, the seemingly impossible?

Rack your brains concerning the innumerable surveys made over the past several decades about the reasons why we do things. I will be very surprised if your mind does not fix quickly on one or more of the following reasons: love, commitment, a faith system, ambition, fame, pleasure or treasure.

You may add some categories, but you will soon see that they somehow blend into one or the other just mentioned. In fact, truth be told, they all stem from love of some kind: self-love, altruistic love or some mix of the two.

Now that your gun is loaded, try again to set your sight on what motivates you most of all in life. Beware of your answer, for this is no mean question and the correct answer, if you are not in denial, may surprise you.

Although we keep saying, "Love makes the world go round," we keep admitting grudgingly like the bunch of skeptics we are, "Everything is all about money." And we fully agree with Paul that "The love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Timothy 6:10).

We know how very difficult it

usually is to rise above all selfishness and greed when the stakes rise to dizzy levels and monetary rewards are so great that they sorely tempt all but the most virtuous, whether in the world of business, politics, education, church, recreation or the family itself.

So, once more. What motivates you most powerfully from moment to moment? If you can honestly say it is not money, which is a distorted form of self-love, is it another form of self-love such as ambition, fame or pleasure?

Or is it an altruistic type of love which has its roots in motivation brought on by your faith system? Does your belief in God drive you to heights unknown in the pursuit of love both in your self-interest and that of others?

At this particular time of the year, one final question must be asked over and over again every year every day. Which part of your faith system is the underpinning of everything you think, say and do? What is it that gives ultimate meaning to every experience in life, good or bad, sad

or joyful?

It can be nothing other but what Paul tells us about that ultimate thing in our human yearnings which reaches beyond the grave:

"If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith... If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all" (1 Corinthians 15:13, 14, 19).

Apart from that greatest of all motivations, resurrection and eternal life with God, all our other motivations do little more than spin our wheels and make a little fuss over material things which come and go as the wind. Vain, teasing and eventually vapid are ambition, fame, pleasure and treasure.

But resurrection and eternal life promise us the Eternal Hall of Fame where our names are written in the book of life, where Sabbaths never end, where party time with all the angels and saints in God's company is all the time, and where all our dreams with all our relatives and friends come true:

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The goal of instruction in singing is to lead us to God and to a love of God. We will, "Sing to the

Lord a new song" (Psalm 96:1).

Instruction in prayer should bring us into the presence of God. We pray, "I love you, O Lord, my strength" (Psalm 18:1).

Instruction in relationships should lead us to pay debts of gratitude. "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another" (Romans 13:8).

Outcomes can be dramatic. One person will see God. "No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us" (1 John 4:12).

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147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM APT. CENTRAL air/heat near Old Town. B.S.L. \$325/month plus deposit. 467-0792.

1 BEDROOM FURNISHED APT. OLD Town. \$425/mo. or discount available. Pet & smoke free. 466-0135.

1/BR, FURNISHED APT. CENTRAL A/H. A.J. 467-8401.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2/BR 1/BATH TRAILER FOR RENT in the Kln. Pet-free environment. 255-9397.

2/BR, 1/BA, HEAT & AIR, CARPET, GOOD location, Waveland, \$325/mo. deposit required, 504-286-3819. Leave message on recorder.

2BR/1BA, MOBILE HOME ON STAND-ARD Dedeaux Rd. \$350/mo. with \$350/deposit. 255-4139 255-9398.

NICE TRAILER FOR RENT, UTILITIES paid. \$125 deposit, \$125 week. 466-0315.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

1982 MOBILE HOME ON 191' waterfront corner lot, on Ave. H off Lagoon, BSL. (205)525-1314, email sicklick@aol.

1998 16x80, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH with ac, ready to move in. On 1.5 acres, \$45,900. Magnolia State Properties, 1-800-388-3138.

2 BR/1BA, MOBILE HOME ON 1.5 ACRES on Standard Dedeaux Rd. \$32,900. Owner will finance down payment. 255-9398 & 255-4139.

2/BR, TRAILER ON WATERFRONT LOT. \$28,000. 463-1457.

136 Automobiles

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

The following vehicles will be sold 30 days after the first publication:

1990 MAZDA PICKUP VIN#JM2UF1138L0861358
1985 OLDS CUTLASS VIN#1G3AL54N7N63223
1995 FORD CONTOUR VIN#3FALP6637SM105234
BUICK REGAL VIN#1G4GM47A9FP426256
1978 FORD PICKUP VIN#F15G8A0428
1985 CHEVY VAN VIN#1GCEG25H1F7172016

These vehicles will be sold on or after May 8, 2001

MOSS TOWING
4087 13TH ST
BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520
228-467-5227
4/8, 4/15, 4/22/2001

1 BEDROOM COTTAGE FOR RENT: ALL utilities included. \$550/month plus deposit. 467-6007.

1 BEDROOM, UNFURNISHED VERY clean, 1st & last monthly rent plus deposit. Ref. required. 452-3967 617-6394.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT. 12 month lease, \$500/month, \$450/deposit. Pet-free. Centrally located in Waveland. 263-9317.

2/BEDROOM HOME: L/R, CENTRAL H/A, \$500/mo. \$500/deposit. 433 Demontu-zin B.S.L. References. 467-4705.

2B/2B COTTAGE \$490/month, \$400/deposit. 1100 sq. ft., stove, ref., dish-washer, center a/c heat, hook-ups, Pet-smoke free. Sailfish Realty, 466-9947.

3 BEDROOM, 1-1/2 BATH, CENTRAL air/heat in Lakeshore. \$600/month plus deposit. Smoke/pet-free environment. 467-7795.

COTTAGE 2/BR, 1/BA, NEWLY RENOVATED. Stove & refrigerator, w/d hook-ups on State St. \$550/deposit. \$550/mo. utilities. Pager 850-8944.

DIAMONDHEAD: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, great room, den, washer/dryer, fireplace, very clean. Pet-free environment \$825/month plus deposit. 467-7345.

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 bath duplex, B.S.L. \$850/month. 2BR, 1BA in the County, \$550/month. Call Charli @ Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp. 467-3777.

LARGE HOUSE 3/BR, 3/BA, 8366 LEAKE Bayside Park 504-392-4156 or 533-7979.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA, FROM \$750 PER month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR 1006 Spanish Acres, 3 bedroom, 1 bath & 1/2, living room, den, central heat/air. 467-4774.

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2/BR, FURNISHED ON WATERFRONT. \$550/mo. References required. Call 225-673-9313.

3 LOTS 150X150 BAYSIDE PARK. ALL three, 10,000, fill in & leveled, cleared. 466-2911.

WATERFRONT LOT WITH 1,000 FEET of water frontage. Deep bayou on 1-1/2 acres, close to Jordan River and Casino, located off Blue Meadow Rd. Asking \$189,000. Call 467-3701 or 467-5516.

WATERFRONT - \$75,800 10006 Alabama Minutes to Jordan River on canal, 3BR/2BA, without room, FR, A/C, new ac, ref, & stove. Assume FHA Mortgage for qualified buyer. Call Gold Coast 467-4479 or 493-2679 (cell)

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2000 14x70, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, \$15,800. Magnolia State Properties, 1-800-388-3138.

DON'T MISS OUT! ALL LOT MODELS now reduced for quick sale, hurry! Call 228-831-0068. Toll free. 866-831-0068.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best prices on the coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

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150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

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Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
NICHOLAS G. BEHNEN, PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, ET. AL., DEFENDANTS

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

CAUSE NO. 2001-247

TO J. B. TIPPS, if alive, whose mailing address at the time of the within referenced tax sale was 46332 Mullens Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226, but whose present address, both post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN or to the following land:

Lot 64, Block 5, Amended Plat of Unit 2, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 1, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

TO BURL EDDY, if alive, whose mailing address at the time of the within referenced tax sale was 46332 Mullens Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28226, but whose present address, both post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN or to the following land:

Lot 3, Block 11, Unit 10, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

TO CHESTER R. SCHMITT, JR., if alive, whose mailing address at the time of the within referenced tax sale was 94 West Imperial Dr., Harahan, LA 70123, but whose present address, both post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law; SANDRA W. SCHMITT, if alive, whose mailing address at the time of the within referenced tax sale was 94 West Imperial Dr., Harahan, LA 70123, but whose present address, both post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, her unknown heirs at law; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN or to the following land:

Lot 46, Block 11, Unit 4A, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

TO ROBERT M. PATTERSON, if alive, whose mailing address at the time of the within referenced tax sale was 610 N. Pine Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28202, but whose present address, both post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN or to the following land:

Lot 68, Block 8, Unit 5, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Nicholas G. Behnen, Complainant, whose address is 1900 Silver Lake, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action not later than THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2001, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after the date of the first publication of this summons. If your answer is not so mailed, or delivered, a judgment by default may be entered against you for the money, or other relief, demanded in the complaint.

You must also file the original of your answer with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after the date of the first publication of this summons. If your answer is not so mailed, or delivered, a judgment by default may be entered against you for the money, or other relief, demanded in the complaint.

Tim A. Keller, Chancery Clerk
Dated: 4/4/01
By: Janet Lachner D.C.

4/8, 4/15, 4/22/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
WENDY RENEE FORET PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
PAUL JOSEPH FORET DEFENDANT

SUMMONS

(Service by Publication: Residence Unknown)

CAUSE NO. 2001-257

TO: PAUL JOSEPH FORET, whose last known place of residence was 146 Jannita St. Houma, Louisiana 70364, you have been made a Defendant in a Complaint filed in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, by WENDY RENEE FORET seeking DIVORCE. You are required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a written answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint, to CECIL G. WOODS, JR., PLAINTIFFS ATTORNEY, whose address is P.O. BOX 983, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI 39502. Your response must be mailed, or delivered no later than thirty days after the 8th day of April 2001, which is the first date of publication of this summons. If your answer is not so mailed, or delivered, a judgment by default may be entered against you for the money, or other relief, demanded in the complaint.

You must also file the original of your answer with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after the date of the first publication of this summons. If your answer is not so mailed, or delivered, a judgment by default may be entered against you for the money, or other relief, demanded in the complaint.

Tim A. Keller, Chancery Clerk
Dated: 4/4/01
By: Janet Lachner D.C.

4/8, 4/15, 4/22/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
EDWARD A. HORRELL, SR., Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
EDWARD A. HORRELL, SR., Deceased

CAUSE NO. 2001-3

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Edward A. Horrell, Sr., deceased, Probate No. 2001-3, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 9th day of April, 2001, and all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified and required to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court as required by law within ninety (90) days from date of first publication of this Notice. Failure to do so will forever bar such claims.

WITNESS my signature, this 9 day of April, 2001.

LISA C. ATTEWES, ADMINISTRATRIX
4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6/2001

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., May 7, 2001, and shortly thereafter publicly opened for providing:

ONE (1) OR MORE BEACH CLEANING MACHINE FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, SEAWALL DEPARTMENT. BID SPECS SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO OR GREATER.

Bid specifications are available, upon request, from the office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, P. O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, or by calling (228) 467-0172.

All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the item bid on and the bid opening date.

All envelopes must be stamped filed in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's Office before 11:00 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this 2nd day of April, 2001.

(SEAL)

Timothy A. Keller,
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Penny Dean, D.C.

4/15, 4/22/01

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR A SUBDIVISION

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, May 17, 2001, at 4:30 p.m. in the Zoning Office located at 151 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 to consider the application of Keith Lee for approval of the Preliminary Plan for Pin Oak Way Subdivision, which is a nine (9) lot development in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 7 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, at the corner of the intersection of Firetower Road and Highway 43, and is zoned A-1.

Those interested in more information on the above matter may visit the Zoning Office or call (228) 467-4157 or (228) 466-4727 during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Willa Gaveney
Hancock County Building Official
4/10/01

Recent rains recharge underground water

By Bonnie Coblenz

MSU Ag Communications

Two years of drought lowered Mississippi's underground water supplies, but recent rains have stopped the loss and should be helping replenish formations.

Aquifers are underground water stores found in sand and gravel confined between layers of clay or solid rock. These geologic formations overlap each other at varying depths and extend for miles. Individuals and municipalities tap into these aquifers with wells to supply the population's water needs.

Jim Thomas, agricultural engineer with Mississippi State University's Extension Service, said recent years' drought has caused more water to be pulled from the aquifers and has not allowed them to be refilled.

"In most situations when an aquifer is not over-extended, you pump water out of it at a similar rate to what it recharges under normal conditions," Thomas said. "What we've missed is the recharge for the last two to three years."

Dr. Charles Wax, state

climatologist and head of MSU Geosciences, said the drought is certainly over.

"It's hard to say when we're in a drought and equally hard to say when we're out of it, but we're definitely out of it now and we've had more rain than normal since December," Wax said.

Wax said a normal rain accumulation for Mississippi from November through March is 27.9 inches.

In this most recent five months, the state has received 33.4 inches, or about 120 percent of normal. While December was drier than normal, each of the other months has exceeded averages.

"A lot of this excess will go to replenish the deficit the state has accumulated," Wax said. "There's a lot of water in the environment, and rivers and lakes are filling up as the rain is running off. There is even flooding in some areas. The soil moisture is about 100 percent recharged in most areas by now, and I imagine the shallow aquifers are already beginning to get some of the recharge."

Thomas said the speed at which aquifers recharge

depends on the type of materials the water must move through. Water flows through sandy soil much faster than it moves through clay. And as it moves through the ground, it is naturally filtered.

"By the time it gets to the formation, the water is virtually clean," Thomas said.

Aquifers recharge very slowly. Sometimes the movement of water is measured in inches or feet per month or per year. The more saturated the soil is, the quicker these formations tend to refill.

"If we can keep the rivers and lakes full and the surface water systems full, the potential for recharge is much better," Thomas said. "What you get underground depends on the rain and amount of water on top of the ground."

The alluvial aquifer under the Mississippi Delta supplies most of the water for irrigation in this area of farmland. Thomas said the aquifer usually drops in the summer, but comes back by spring. For the last few years, the level has dropped and the lack of rainfall has not replenished it to normal levels.

Bay Catholic Elem. honor roll list

1st Grade

Principals List

Meg Artigues, Jessica Hand, Ashleigh Hoda, Joseph Milner, Lauren Ramsey, John Santa Cruz, Mattison Scardino

Alpha

Daniel Kergosien

Beta

Kristen Barnes, Jordan Benvenutti, Devin Bermond, Cody Bouis, Marc Bourgeois, Sam Chevis, Heath Corr, Savannah Crosby, Jordan Duncan, Jacob Dunn, Forrest Freeman, Kristen Hooze, Becca Keel, Spencer Klein, Dane Knight, Kristen Morel, Sarah Mirandy, Ryan Noonan

2nd Grade

Principals List

Caroline Burns, Destiny Fucich, Thor Goodfellow, Ali Goscinski, Renee Hotard, James Kergosien, Niki Mikovilje, Connor Ryan, Jade Sahuque, Morey Wood

Beta

Jake Forstall, Erin Fucich, Elizabeth Jenkins, Caleb Kergosien, Andrew McGinity, Patrick Milner, Richard Mitchell, Jeremi Raboteau, Rebecca Resor, Jacob

Robinson, Hillary Rowe, Cayce Seal, Emily Sramek, Taylor Thompson, Jordan Wong, Madison D'Angelo

3rd Grade

Principal's List

Sarah Haas, Krisjon Wilkerson

Alpha

Nico Ramirez

Beta

Michael Gemelli, Drew Goscinski, Sam Grapusa

4th Grade

Principal List

Dailey Brannin, Paul Hotard, Leah Seal, Lauren Seal, Haley Sudduth, Guy Wood

Beta

Taylor Benvenutti, Helen Burnett, Katherine Santa Cruz, Martin Hoda, Angela Li, Anthony Lusco, Sarah Martinolich, Shelby Rigby, Kirsty Schmitt, Bryce Shands, Abi Simpson, John Tucker

5th Grade

Principal's List

Timothy Bums, Megan Chevis, William Hadden, Hannah Ryan, Amelia Simpson

Alpha

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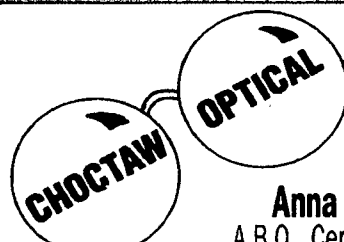
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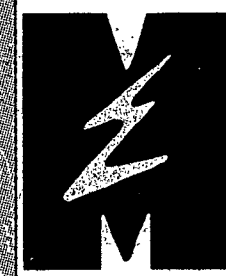
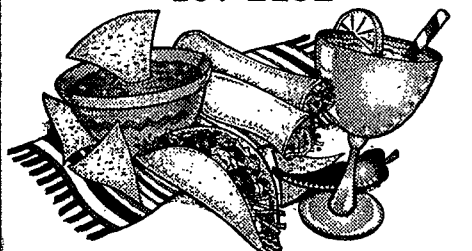
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